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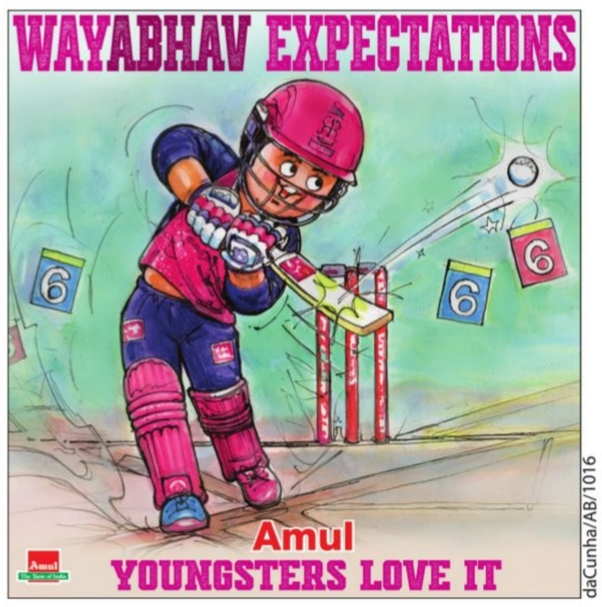

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LGBTQ+ part of his outreach

Francis made it easier for married Catholics to get an annulment, allowed priests to absolve women who had had abortions and let priests bless same-sex couples

Allowed women vote at Vatican

He let women vote alongside bishops in some Vatican meetings. It was a revolutionary change. However, he had a 'closed door' policy on women's ordination

3-day state mourning

The Indian govt declared a three-day State mourning till Wednesday. An additional day of mourning will be observed on the day of the Pope's funeral

The pope will always be remembered as a beacon of compassion, humility and spiritual courage

– NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER

ADIEU, PROGRESSIVE POPE

NICOLE WINFIELD @ Vatican City

POPE Francis, history's first Latin American pontiff who charmed the world with his humble style and concern for the poor but alienated conservatives with critiques of capitalism and climate change, passed away on Monday. He was 88.

"At 7.35 this morning, the Bishop of Rome, Francis, returned to the home of the Father. His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of his Church," said Cardinal Kevin Farrell, the Vatican camerlengo, who takes charge after a pontiff's death. Francis had a cerebral stroke that led to coma and irreversible heart failure, the Vatican said.

In his condolence message, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Deeply pained by the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. In this hour of grief and remembrance, my heartfelt condolences to the global Catholic community."

Francis, who suffered from chronic lung disease, was hospitalised on February 14 for a respiratory crisis that developed into double pneumonia. He spent 38 days there, the longest hospitalisation of his 12-year papacy.

He made his last public appearance on Easter Sunday — a day before his death — to bless thousands of people in St Peter's Square, drawing wild cheers and applause. From his first greeting that night — a remarkably normal "Buonasera" ("Good evening") — to his embrace of refugees and the downtrodden, Francis signaled a very different tone for the papacy, stressing humility over hubris for a Catholic Church beset by scandal and accusations of indifference.

The Argentine-born Jorge Mario Bergoglio brought a breath of fresh air into a 2,000-year-old institution that had seen its influence wane during the tenure of Pope Benedict XVI, whose surprise resignation led to Francis' election.

But Francis soon invited troubles of his own, and conservatives grew increasingly upset with his progressive bent, outreach to LGBTQ+ Catholics and crackdown on traditionalists. His greatest test came in 2018 when he botched a notorious case of clergy sexual abuse in Chile, and the scandal that festered under his predecessors erupted anew.

Francis' death sets off a weeks-long process of allowing the faithful to pay their final respects, first for Vatican officials in the Santa Marta chapel and then in St. Peter's for the general public, followed by a funeral and a conclave to elect a new pope.

Francis was elected on a mandate to reform the Vatican bureaucracy and finances but went further in shaking up the church without changing its core doctrine. "Who am I to judge?" he replied when asked about a purportedly gay priest. The comment sent a message of welcome to the LGBTQ+ community and those who felt shunned by a church that had stressed sexual propriety over unconditional love. "Being homosexual is not a crime," he said in 2023.

Francis changed the church's position on the death penalty, calling it inadmissible in all circumstances. He also declared the possession of nuclear weapons, not just their use, was immoral.

In other firsts, he approved an agreement with China over bishop nominations that had vexed the Vatican for decades, met the Russian patriarch and charted new relations with the Muslim world by visiting the Arabian Peninsula and Iraq.

He reaffirmed the all-male, celibate priesthood and upheld the church's opposition to abortion, equating it to "hiring a hit man to solve a problem".

But he added women to important decision-making roles and allowed them to serve as lectors and acolytes in parishes. He let women vote alongside bishops in periodic Vatican meetings, following long-standing complaints that women do much of the church's work but are barred from power. Still, a note of criticism came from the Women's Ordination Conference, which had been frustrated by Francis' unwillingness to push for the ordination of women. *AP* P11

FOUR INDIANS WITH VOTING RIGHT TO ELECT SUCCESSOR

KOCHI: Four Indian cardinals, including two Keralites, are part of the 120-strong College of Cardinals who will attend a secret conclave to choose the next pope.

The Indian cardinals eligible to vote in the conclave are Cardinal Filipe Neri Ferrão, 72, the Archbishop of Goa and Daman and Patriarch of the East Indies; Thiruvananthapuram-based Cardinal Baselios Cleemis, 64, the Major Archbishop-Catholicos of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church; Cardinal Anthony Poola, 63, Archbishop of Hyderabad and the first Dalit cardinal in history; and Changanassery native Cardinal George Jacob Koovakad, 51, who had been coordinating Pope Francis' foreign trips since 2021 | P5 *–ENS*

1 Cardinal Anthony Poola
2 Cardinal Baselios Cleemis
3 Cardinal Filipe Neri Ferrao
4 Cardinal George Jacob Koovakad

Gold hits ₹1 lakh per 10gm in B'luru, ₹99K in Delhi

Gold of 99.5 purity in Bengaluru cost **₹1,02,000 per 10 grams**

Gold of 99.9% purity in New Delhi: **₹99,800 per 10 grams**

So far this year, the yellow metal's prices have risen ₹20,850, or 26.41% per 10 grams

Globally, **gold futures** breached the psychological USD 3,400-mark for the first time ever, rising USD 80 per ounce, or 2.4 per cent.

There has been increased buying among ETF investors, while upcoming festive demand is fueling additional support

Pranav Mer, V-P, JM Financial Services P4,12

MURSHIDABAD
VIOLENCE: TWO ARRESTED

Two key accused for killing a father and son in Murshidabad during violence over Waqf Act were arrested in Jharsuguda in Odisha on Monday | P10

Modi, Vance hail progress in trade talks

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi and US Vice President JD Vance on Monday hailed the significant progress in the ongoing talks for a fair and forward-looking bilateral trade agreement. They also acknowledged the growing cooperation between the two nations in key sectors such as energy, defence, advanced technologies, and other strategic areas, during a meeting marked by personal warmth and a shared commitment to strengthening the India-US partnership.

The meeting took place on the first day of Vice President Vance's four-day visit to India, with Second Lady Usha Vance, their three children, senior members of the US administration, and top Indian officials in attendance. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval were also present.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a meeting with US Vice President JD Vance, Second Lady Usha Vance and their children, in New Delhi on Monday | PTI

Reflecting on his January visit to Washington, Prime Minister Modi recalled his "fruitful discussions" with President Donald Trump, which laid the foundation for a close and growing partnership between the two nations. Modi emphasised that the shared visions of "Make America Great Again" and "Viksit Bharat 2047" would continue to drive bilateral cooperation forward.

An official readout of the meeting said: "The leaders welcomed the significant progress in the negotiations for a mutually beneficial India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement focused on the welfare of the people of the two countries. They also acknowledged the continued efforts to enhance cooperation in energy, defence, strategic technologies, and other areas."

Prime Minister Modi also conveyed his warm greetings to President Donald Trump and expressed his eagerness to host him in India sometime later this year.

During their meeting, both leaders exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest. They agreed that dialogue and diplomacy should remain central to resolving international challenges.

"The two leaders also exchanged views on various regional and global issues of mutual interest, and called for dialogue and diplomacy as the way forward," the readout of the meeting said.

Ex-DG&IGP's murder: Wife held, daughter shifted to NIMHANS

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

HSR Layout police in Bengaluru on Monday arrested Pallavi, 64, wife of former state police chief Om Prakash, in connection with his murder, while his daughter Kriti has been shifted to NIMHANS for tests. During interrogation, Pallavi is said to have confessed to having killed her husband. Investigators said Pallavi firmly believed that her husband would kill her and her daughter. Hence, she decided to murder him.

Meanwhile, investigations revealed that Pallavi allegedly murdered her husband using chilli powder and cooking oil, before stabbing him more than 10 times. The case has been handed over to the Central Crime Branch (CCB) for further investigation.

Pallavi, while being taken for a medical check-up, told reporters, "(It is a) Case of extreme domestic violence against my daughter and me." She was later produced before a local court, which remanded her in judicial custody for 14 days. The CCB is likely to take her into custody for further investigation.

The 68-year-old retired IPS officer's son Karthikesh filed a complaint with HSR Layout police on Sunday evening, accusing his mother and sister of murdering his father.

According to the complaint, Pallavi had been threatening to kill Prakash. Prakash had been living with his sister Sarita Kumari for the past few days. However, two days before the murder, Kriti went to Sarita's house and forcibly brought Prakash home.

Karthikesh stated that when the murder took place, he was in Domlur and his neighbour alerted him about it. When he rushed home, he found his father brutally killed. A broken bottle and a knife were found near the body. The FIR stated that Pallavi and Kriti have been suffering from depression and frequently fought with Prakash.

Police said that during interrogation, Pallavi disclosed that they fought frequently over the past week. Prakash allegedly kept threatening her and their daughter with a gun, saying he would shoot them dead. This led to tension at home. Pallavi claimed that she and her daughter were mentally exhausted due to his harassment.

Pallavi is said to have told police that on the day of murder, arguments erupted again over various issues. Pallavi is also said to have confessed that she first threw chilli powder at him, covered his face with a blanket and then poured cooking oil to restrict his movements, before stabbing him repeatedly with a kitchen knife, the officer said, adding that Prakash bled to death. Pallavi called her friend, a retired IPS officer's wife, and said, "I killed a monster," before alerting the local police. MORE ON P3

Bengaluru Police Commissioner B Dayananda pays homage to former DGP&IGP Om Prakash, in Bengaluru on Monday. Om Prakash was found murdered at his HSR Layout residence in the city on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Road rage: Biker held for attacking Wg Cdr in B'luru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

IN a road rage case, an Indian Air Force wing commander was attacked by a biker at Byappanahalli in the city on Monday morning.

The incident took place around 6.30 am while Wing Commander Shiladitya Bose and his wife Squadron Leader Madhumitha Dutta were on their way to the bus stop near Gopalan Mall on Old Madras Road in their car.

Wg Cdr Bose

Wg Cdr Bose was supposed to fly to Kolkata to admit his father to a hospital. He too assaulted the biker in "self defence" and the police have arrested the biker based on a complaint by Sqn Ldr Dutta.

The couple lives in DRDO Colony in CV Raman Nagar. In a swift operation, Byappanahalli police arrested the biker identified as Vikas, 20, a resident of Babusaab Palya. He works with a call centre. The incident came to light after Wg Cdr Bose shared two videos on social media. However, the CCTV footage shows him charging at Vikas, assaulting and kicking him, which he claimed that he did in "self defence".

In the first video, Wg Cdr claimed that the biker suddenly came from behind and stopped his bike near their car near Gopalan Grand Mall. The biker allegedly started abusing him in Kannada.

After a few hours, Wg Cdr Bose uploaded another video in which he appeared in bandages and said his wife was to drop him near the bus stop at Gopalan Mall around 6.30 am. The biker approached their car from right and started banging the window after seeing his wife driving. The biker allegedly damaged the window with a stone and also hit him with it. P5

EXPRESS READ

8 Maoists gunned down in Jharkhand

RANCHI: As part of the anti-Maoist offensive, security forces Monday gunned down eight cadres of the outfit, including Central Committee Member Vivek having a bounty of Rs 1 crore on his head, in an encounter in Lugu Pahar in Jharkhand. Union Home Minister Amit Shah reiterated the government's commitment to eliminating Naxal insurgency | P10

KMF all set to enter Rajasthan, MP markets

BENGALURU: Nandini, Karnataka's popular homegrown milk brand, is all set to enter Rajasthan as part of its plan to grow beyond South India. KMF plans to begin milk procurement and set up co-packaging centres in Rajasthan to strengthen its supply chain, with Madhya Pradesh also being explored as part of its wider expansion strategy | P5

STATE OF NEGLECT

Sri Krishnadevaraya's tomb is now a mutton market!

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Koppal

THE tomb of erstwhile ruler of Vijayanagara Sri Krishnadevaraya at Anegundi has been turned into a mutton market.

With tourists making it viral on social media, people of Anegundi have expressed their anger at those selling meat on the premises of the tomb.

Many historians and monument lovers have requested the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to stop the sale of mutton on the tomb premises and rejuvenate the spot.

Sri Krishnadevaraya's tomb has 64 columns and is on the banks of the Tungabhadra. It is popular among the tourists who visit Hampi.

Some organisations in Koppal, Gangavati and Anegundi have planned to hold a meeting soon to take a decision to launch a protest against converting the tomb premises into a mutton market and neglecting other monuments in the region.

Sri Krishnadevaraya's tomb at Anegundi in Koppal district | EXPRESS

Krishnadevaraya, a descendant of Sri Krishnadevaraya's family, termed this development disturbing. "We have appealed to the departments concerned to act against those who try to destroy the monuments at Anegundi and other places in and around Hampi," he said.

In his post, Vijayapura MLA Basavaraj Patil Yatnal stated that if the ASI can protect Aurangzeb's tomb, why can't it protect Sri Krishnadevaraya's?

Meanwhile, Koppal superintendent of police Ram L Arasiddi said the local police have not received any complaint on the sale of mutton on the tomb premises. However, they will look into the matter and initiate action.

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Gulikakala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • Yamaganda: 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 35°C
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Overcast

Sunrise 06.03 am
Sunset 06.33 pm
Moonrise 01.39 am
Moonset 01.24 pm

TWIN TOWERS COMING UP IN MAJESTIC COULD BE RENTED OUT TOO

State govt to start feasibility study; expert team to advise on construction, model

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru:

THE high-rise twin towers due to come up in Majestic area to house government offices, could be shared with private companies, with the State government looking to rent out certain floors as a means to earn additional revenue. It has initiated the process to study the feasibility of construction and model to be adopted.

At present, government offices are scattered across Bengaluru, including the Multi-Storeyed Building next to Vikasa Soudha, BMTC terminus in Shanthinagar, Kendriya Sadan in Koramangala, VV Towers and other places. When BS Yediyurappa was chief minister in 2020, it was proposed to accommodate all offices in one place, and the government zeroed in on an 8-acre land parcel next to Anand Rao Circle flyover to construct the twin towers.

Though initially planned for 25 floors each, the plan was later increased to 59 floors as per Floor Area Ratio. But the cabinet has now given approval to opt for Transferable Development Rights (TDR). With this, the number of floors to be constructed will be more. "We have written to the BBMP, seeking to know how many floors can be built on the available land. Once we get a reply, we will get a clear picture," a senior PWD official told *The New Indian Express*.

The State government has called for tenders from a consultant for a feasibility study and transaction advisory services. The transaction advisory will have a team of experts, including realtors. "The experts will decide how to go about construction of the twin towers, whether to go for Private Public Partnership or whether the government can take a loan and bear the entire expense, or any other model that will benefit the government to reduce financial burden," sources said.

The experts will also work out the feasibility of renting out certain floors to private firms, including IT companies, to yield income. "We wanted to house all government offices here, without causing much financial burden," said official sources.

Pointing out that land availability is a major concern in Bengaluru, sources said, "When we have over 8 acres of land in a prime location with bus, train and Metro connectivity, many would be interested. This is, however, in the initial stage," sources said. The State government also proposes to connect the twin towers with MS Building and other government offices.

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Breathless in Bengaluru? Air pollution graph shooting up in past four years

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

IT'S not just Delhi that is battling smoky skies, air pollution has been on the rise in Bengaluru too since the past four years, showed a study report released on Monday.

According to a study of data collated from AtlasAQ platform, Respirer Living Sciences, air pollution in Bengaluru, particularly particulate matter-10 (PM10) has seen a rising trend since 2021. According to the report, PM10 in Bengaluru in 2021 was 63.4µg/m³, and rose to 74.7µg/m³ in 2022. Though it dropped to 69.1µg/m³ in 2023, it was higher than the national average of 60µg/m³. In 2024, Bengaluru recorded 71.3µg/m³.

"Bengaluru is often celebrated for its green cover and moderate climate, but it has failed to live up to its reputation when it comes to particulate air pollution. The four-year analysis reveals that PM10 concentration in the city exceeded the national safety limit from 2021 to 2024, including during summer months when better dispersion is typically expected. These figures may be lower than in Delhi or Patna, but still violate the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (60µg/m³), indicating that no season in Bengaluru offers entirely safe air," the report said.

According to the report, Silk Board area stood out with PM10 levels reaching 101.1µg/m³ in 2022 and 95.8µg/m³ in 2024. Air pollution levels in RVCE-Mailasandra shot up from 84.7µg/m³ in 2022 to 99.3µg/m³ in 2024, while PM10 levels consistently stood above 75µg/m³ at the City Railway Station and Kasturi Nagar. The report also noted that AQI was not low even at residential areas in Bengaluru, including BTM Layout and Hombegowda Nagar.

"Bengaluru's air quality challenges have been quietly growing — and we're now seeing the effects clearly in the data. Despite having better climate conditions, the city has not had a single year of safe air. Its clean city image needs a serious reality check," said Ronak Sutaria, founder and CEO of Respirer Living Sciences. The report attributed the rise in PM10 levels to increasing traffic, unregulated construction, and limited enforcement of dust control in peri-urban zones. It also pointed to the need for expanding Bengaluru's air monitoring network, redesigning traffic hotspots and integrating clean air into the city's growth and infrastructure plans.

'SYMBOL OF HUMILITY'

POLITICIANS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS REMEMBER POPE FRANCIS' LEGACY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

RELIGIOUS and political leaders from across Karnataka paid tribute to Pope Francis who passed away in Rome on Monday, recalling the late pontiff as a symbol of peace, humility and compassion.

The Archdiocese of Bangalore, in a statement, joined the global Catholic community in mourning the loss of the 88-year-old Pope, who led the Church with "grace and a deep concern for the marginalised".

Archbishop Peter Machado, in an official statement, described Pope Francis as "a shepherd, a father, a friend of the poor, and a living embodiment of the Gospel". Highlighting his simple lifestyle, the Archbishop noted the Pope's decision to reside in a Vatican guest house instead of the traditional Apostolic Palace, and his tireless efforts to uplift migrants, refugees and the displaced. "Today, our hearts are broken, but our spirits are lifted in gratitude for the gift of Pope Francis," the statement read.

A file photo of Sri Sri Ravi Shankar meeting Pope Francis at The Vatican

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah also expressed grief, saying, "Deeply saddened by the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis — a symbol of peace and compassion. His life was a message of love for the poor and hope for the world. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Christian community across Karnataka and the globe."

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar called the Pope's leadership "defined by humility, compassion and a deep commitment to the marginalised." He added, "He redefined spiritual leadership with rare courage, embracing the outcast and walking the path of true service. My thoughts and prayers are with all those who mourn his loss worldwide."

Spiritual leader Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar also paid tribute, calling Pope Francis a "deep believer and a traditionalist with a difference." He hailed the Pope's commitment to reform, interfaith dialogue, environmental protection and the fight against human trafficking. "His call for greater understanding will continue to inspire his followers," he said, recalling the Pope's warm message sent to the Art of Living's World Culture Festival in New Delhi and Washington DC.

EXPRESS READ

Software to verify pensioners' life certificates

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) on Monday launched a new software to digitally verify and authenticate life certificates, a mandatory requirement for pension disbursement. The software was launched in collaboration with the National Informatics Centre's (NIC) Jeevan Pramaan platform, the Digital Life Certificate (DLC) authentication software that enables pensioners to verify their life certificates online — eliminating the need for physical visits. The initiative is aimed at making the verification process easier for our pensioners. With this system in place, pensioners can now complete their life certificate submission from the comfort of their homes. Awareness campaigns will also be conducted across relevant departments to ensure pensioners are informed about the new process, said KN Gangadhar, director of finance, KPTCL. Kumaraswamy BP, president of the KEB Pensioners' Association, said there are over 40,000 pensioners across KPTCL and Escoms in Karnataka. Until now, they were required to visit offices twice a year to verify their life certificates, he said. **ENS**

PES team wins laurels in nat'l championship

Bengaluru: PES University's 'Team Haya Off Roading' (THOR) took part in the Electric Solar Vehicle Championship (ESVC)-2025, organised by the Imperial Society of Innovative Engineers (ISIE) at Galgotias University in Greater Noida. ESVC-2025 is a national- level competition for university students focused on solar cars and e-bikes. The championship featured both virtual and on-site rounds. The team secured awards for best business plan, best cost report, best woman participant, and The Future Award, with a cash prize of up to Rs 25,000. Prof Jawahar Doreswamy, Chancellor of PESU, and Vice-Chancellor Prof J Surya Prasad congratulated the team. **ENS**

RIT observes MS Ramaiah's 103rd birth anniv

Bengaluru : Ramaiah Institute of Technology (RIT) on Monday observed the 103rd birth anniversary of educationist and philanthropist Dr MS Ramaiah with a memorial lecture organised by the Gokula Education Foundation (GEF). This year's Dr MS Ramaiah memorial lecture was delivered by Dr V Narayanan, Secretary, Department of Space and Chairman of ISRO. In his address titled 'Indian Space Program – Pride of the Nation: Past Success, Present Efforts and Future Endeavours', Dr Narayanan reflected on India's achievements in space, including the Chandrayaan missions, and spoke about the importance of innovation, sustainability and collaboration in future space endeavours. Dr NVR Naidu, RIT Principal; Dr MR Jayaram, Chairman of GEF (Medical) and Chancellor of Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences (RUAS); Dr MR Seetharam, Chairman of GEF, MLC and former minister, and others were present. **ENS**

1,533 garbage blackspots: Palike, RWA teams to fix them

Garbage dumped on the roadside at Bamboo Bazaar on Monday | VINOD KUMAR

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

To fix garbage blackspots across the city, the Bangalore Solid Waste Management Ltd (BSWML), an offshoot of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, has kicked off a massive awareness drive on proper disposal of waste and strict penalties for violations.

Zonal municipality officials will coordinate with residential welfare associations and others to raise awareness among people who dump garbage in public places. According to an official, there are 1,533 garbage blackspots, and the big concern is East zone, where 541 have been identified.

"It's not only dry or wet waste that ends up in public places. Even broken toilet commodes, sofas, chairs and construction waste are dumped on roadsides and the place becomes an eyesore. To fix the issue, the Palike has taken up a 10-day drive starting from Monday to April 30 to sensitise people on keeping the surroundings clean. Marshalls will also coordinate with residential welfare associations on identifying vulnerable spots and when garbage is dumped to catch hold of offenders and impose penalties," BWSML Chief Operating Officer Ramamani VK.

Welcoming the move, Bangalore Apartment Federation vice-president Satish Mallya said the initiative is really needed, but its implementation on the ground can be challenging.

"We have already communicated this to the stakeholders. Maybe 6-7 volunteers from each association can help Palike teams in the morning hours. They can show the spots and create awareness among residents. At the same time, the initiative by the BBMP will act as a deterrent against those who litter public places," said Mallya.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

22ND April : To continue this week's literary theme, it's not well-known that Henry Miller, one of the most famous American writers of the twentieth-century, also studied and wrote about astrology. In one of his books he provided a complete description of the role and function of the planet Saturn. In another, he described how he hung out with his favourite astrologers at his home in California.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Looking at the long-term, you are coming to a period when many of the powerful events which are lining up will appear to be completely outside your control. However, there will be plenty of space for you to slide between the gaps and exploit the gulf between one pressure and another.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
There are times when you can be so very stubborn, but once you have let go you will be able to turn almost any situation to your advantage. At the present time it's all very much a matter of confidence. If you are to do your best, then you need to know that you actually can succeed!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Mercury, the symbol of bright ideas, has a reputation for stirring up mischievous behaviour. This is bound to be enhanced under its current imaginative relationship with Neptune and Pluto, so you may break the rules - all within reason of course!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
All your instincts must be telling you to stay and put up a fight. However, the danger is that you'll be fighting old battles and, even if you win, it is unlikely to do you much good. And then there's the little matter of whether other people will back down - which they probably won't!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
What is revealed now may make you realise that people at home were keeping you in the dark long before you ever suspected it. Hopefully, your sense of humour is sufficient for you to take practical jokes in good part. If it's not, then please lighten up now - while you still have time.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
On a day when the Moon is roughly on your side, the opportunities for self-improvement are limitless. You may even return to activities from which you were once inexplicably barred. Hopefully, you yourself are also no longer making the same old excuses.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You should never try to blame others for your embarrassment, or for any irritation you feel over a current dilemma. There is no need to hold others responsible, for you can rectify the situation without their support. It will be tougher by yourself, but you might have a greater sense of satisfaction at the end.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You should now be beginning to feel very much more optimistic about your family situation, and confident that before the week is out the expected light will be well and truly at the end of what has been a very long tunnel. In other words, you can live in hope!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You may turn your gaze to professional affairs and see to it that all details are safely covered, if not by you then at least by others who are competent and responsible. There is no point in hanging back, not when there is so much to gain by moving forward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Your urge to make a stable nest and build a firm emotional base is powerful, but must now be paid for. Your financial hopes will have to be justified by your available resources, otherwise you'll have to think again. But when it comes to finding the answers, perhaps two heads will be wiser than one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You may be spoilt for choice. The only drawback is the possibility that you're so used to being told that such-and-such a thing is not for you, that you'll completely fail to notice when a golden opportunity passes by. Keep your eyes open!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Your solar chart is in a slightly peculiar state, and you seem to be even more reticent about your true feelings than ever you were in the past. Could the reason be that you made a commitment, but forgot to tell anyone about it? If so, then do something about it before friends get the wrong idea.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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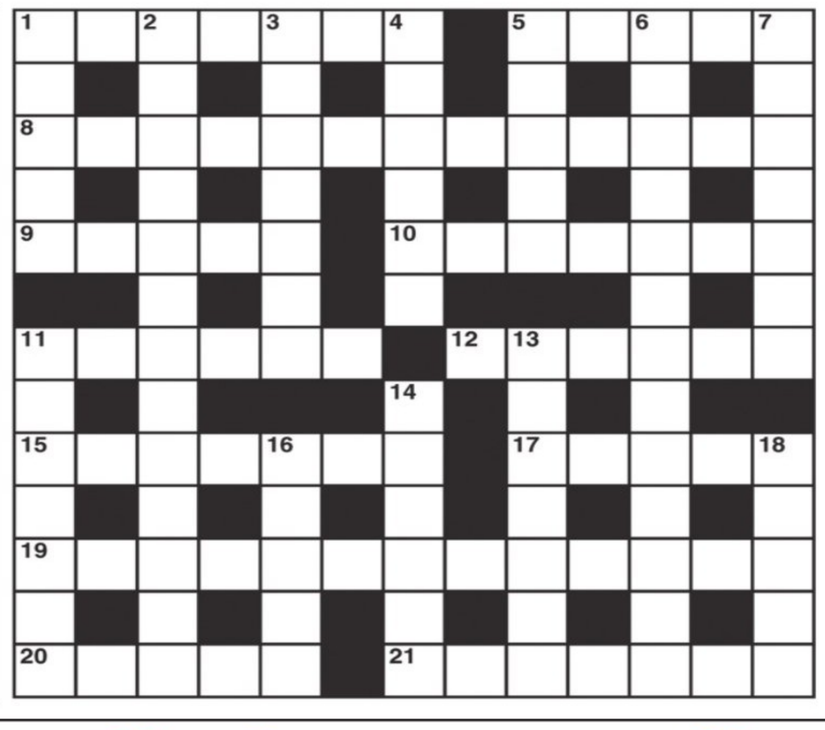
TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Female entertainer (7)
5 Brief stop for many in a trance (5)
8 He makes a stand on a case so to speak (7,6)
9 He plays no big part but figures on the bill (5)
10 Seat of Empire (7)
11 One who cares is easily hurt (6)
12 Spares may be few and far between (6)
15 Painstaking preparation unusual in Paris (7)
17 One may be put out by it (5)
19 Time to try to get something at the bank? (7,6)
20 Class for actors say (5)
21 A performer in a difficult part is tense (7)

DOWN
1 Feeling of urgency as the repair is made (5)
2 First jobs on the racecourse (8,5)
3 Hold me up to stay (7)
4 Church worker with grave responsibilities (6)
5 A measure taken to evaluate the purity of gold (5)
6 Sweeping change is needed to give steamship room (13)
7 Line up a row on a river (7)
11 Trade vehicles (7)
13 Excuse for a foreword maybe (7)
14 Game in the form of a puzzle (6)
16 German currency between banks (5)
18 Scope for target practice (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Terms, 8 Absentee, 9 Fibre, 10 Jeremiah, 11 Lotto, 12 Ass, 16 Set off, 17 Theory, 18 Try, 23 Horse, 24 Pharmacy, 25 Ad-lib, 26 Magazine, 27 Drugs.

Down: 2 Evil omen, 3 Marathon, 4 Obsess, 5 Revel, 6 Staid, 7 Delhi, 12 Aft, 13 Sty, 14 Recorder, 15 Grasping, 19 Recent, 20 Spume, 21 Barge, 22 Amaze.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

FIRGE
VOTEC
NMMTEO
SCAION

Isn't that the kid from down the street?
I'll get this video to the police.
THE PACKAGE THIEF DIDN'T NOTICE THE FRONT-DOOR CAMERA RECORDING THE ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" ○○○○ " ○○ THE ○○○○○

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CAULK TROLL COWARD SKETCH
Answer: For the audience, several of the songs performed by the cover band — STRUCK A CHORD

The Karnataka State Bar Council (KSBC) on Monday condemned the attack on senior advocate Y R Sadashiva Reddy, co-chairman of the Bar Council of India. Taking out a silent procession from the KSBC office to the City Civil Court complex, the members, wearing red ribbons, condemned the attack on Reddy by two unidentified persons at his office in the city on April 15

DG&IGP Alok Mohan pays his respects to former DG&IGP late Om Prakash (below) during the latter's last rites in Bengaluru on Monday. Bengaluru City Police Commissioner B Dayananda is also seen | EXPRESS

A psychopathic brutal murder, killers used chilli powder and oil

Wife, daughter named in FIR, both under treatment for mental illness

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

FROM being the former first lady of the state police, Pallavi Om Prakash has ben arrested in connection with the murder of her husband, former Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) Om Prakash.

She and their daughter Kriti have been named as accused one and two in the First Information Report (FIR) registered by jurisdictional HSR police, based on Prakash's son Kartikesh's complaint.

Soon after the murder, Pallavi is said to have called a former DGP's wife in the neighbourhood. She reportedly told her that she has finished him. Pallavi then allegedly did a video call with the person, who in turn called the pan-India police emergency number 112, and alerted the police control room.

"The brutality with which Prakash was killed is nerve rattling and bone chilling. It looks like a planned and psychopathic killing. The killer/s first attacked him with chilli powder to destabilise him, tied his legs, then poured oil on him to restrict his movement and stabbed him with sharp edged weapon/s (knife) at multiple places, mainly on his neck. The manner in which he was killed looks like the work of more than one person," said sources, who didn't wish to be named.

Pallavi belongs to an illustrious family and is the daughter of a reputed former judge of the Patna High Court. She is well-educated and fluent in English, said sources, who added that both Pallavi and Kriti are suffering from mental illness and have been on an off medication.

"Pallavi would often complain that her husband was slow poisoning her, and that she was held hostage at home. In fact, on one occasion she even reportedly complained to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah that Prakash was trying to kill her. The CM was quite taken aback by her statement and had asked some police officers to enquire. He was later informed about the family's distress -- marital disharmony between Prakash and Pallavi, and the latter's mental illness," added sources.

"There was acute marital distress between the couple for several years. Prakash was very fond of his daughter. In fact, he was living away from home with a relative for nearly a fortnight, when Kriti coaxed him into returning home. He returned to his residence in HSR Layout a couple of days before he was murdered," the sources added.

The case is under investigation and his property in Dandeli, which he has reportedly given to his relative, is emerging as the main trigger behind the grisly murder.

Prakash was known for being accessible to the rank and file of police as the head of the police force. "He was affable and would stand by his officers and personnel, because of which many of them reposed faith in his leadership," said sources.

WHATSAPP CHATS

Former DG&IGP Om Prakash's wife Pallavi has sent WhatsApp messages to her friends, alleging that Prakash was trying to poison her and their daughter. Some of the WhatsApp messages Pallavi purportedly shared with her friends

- "I have been asking him to live separately for years but to no avail. Wherever I go on my own, the same food and water poisoning starts. Modus operandi. Very simple. Buy the respective house help to do the adulteration / poisoning. My daughter is suffering badly now. I cant sit quiet. Poisoning is just a term for you to read. It is very very painful. Let there be proper investigation and enquiry."
- "It seems too bizarre to be true but it is His empire is huge. He is actually a PFI member."
- "At least bring it to the notice of ajit doval From where is he getting these weapons and money. It is more dangerous than ranya rao case."
- "The victim can be injected by very very painful injections. Without an iota of doubt. I still don't know how this works out but ir does. Probably piston effort I am sure the NIA has no knowledge of this extremely sophisticated physical weapon."
- "Yesterday while walk-in on the road one person who had left the van door open And was moving the van with open door. Released some powder from the van. I didnt realised it until. Much later when my whole upper body started burning." *

* All chats are verbatim

OM PRAKASH CREMATED WITH FULL STATE HONOURS

Former DG&IGP Om Prakash, who was allegedly murdered by his wife on Sunday, was cremated with full state honours in Bengaluru on Monday. His son, Kartikesh, performed the last rites. After a gun salute, he was cremated at the Wilson Garden Cremation Ground. His body was kept for public viewing and prayers at MCHS Club in HSR Layout till 3 pm. Relatives and friends, including former DGPs, gathered to pay their last respects. Home Minister G Parameshwara, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, DG&IGP Alok Mohan, City Police Commissioner B Dayananda, and other senior officials paid tributes. After the cremation, Kartikesh told reporters, "After yesterday's incident, I filed a complaint. The police are doing their job, and I have full faith in them. I don't want to comment further as the investigation will reveal everything. Let's wait for that."

RANYA, TARUN RAJU MADE 25 ONE-DAY TRIPS TO DUBAI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) informed the Karnataka High Court that actor **Harshavardhini Ranya** and Tarun Konduru Raju, both arrested in a gold smuggling case, went on one-day trips from Bengaluru to Dubai 25 times.

Apart from this, accused No. 3 Sahil Jain, was involved in smuggling 180 kg of gold in all, including the 49.6 kg gold worth Rs 40.13 crore in this case. The counsel of the DRI made this submission before Justice S Vishwajith Shetty, who was hearing the bail petitions filed by Ranya and Raju, on Monday.

When the court asked why an escort was given to Ranya when no such privilege is allowed for brothers or sisters of higher officials, except direct family members, the DRI counsel submitted that police constable Basavaraju had been instructed by one Ramachandra Rao to give an escort whenever she called.

Denying the allegations of the counsel of Ranya that the procedure of seizure and arrest was illegal, the DRI counsel argued that there were no lapses in procedure. In his statement, Raju revealed that he assisted in handing over gold to Ranya, who consistently travelled to Dubai to smuggle the gold. This being the case, searches were conducted at the residence of Ranya where huge jewellery and cash were found. The forensic evidence of Ranya's mobile and laptop disclosed the involvement of Sahil Jain, he argued.

Jain admitted that he had been receiving the smuggled gold and transferring money through hawala as per the directions of Ranya and the cash to her. Jain is a habitual offender and is involved in another case. In all, he smuggled 180 kg of gold. Ranya booked a ticket for Raju to travel from Bengaluru to Dubai and from there to another place. Credit card was used to book the tickets and cash was put into the account of Raju to book the tickets. Though the tickets were booked to Geneva or Bangkok, Raju travelled to Bengaluru with Ranya with the gold. In view of the severity of the issue and with the investigation still in progress, the court should reject the bail petitions, he prayed to the court.

Meanwhile, the counsel of Raju argued that he was not responsible for the crime just because he purchased the gold in Dubai and handed it over to Ranya. No documents were produced in support of the allegations that he travelled to Dubai 25 times from Bengaluru and returned the same day along with Ranya. Other than a statement from Ranya, there was nothing on record against him, he argued.

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GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The under mentioned persons are hereby informed that they have failed to pay off the liability in the loan accounts. Notices sent to them by Registered Post have been returned undelivered, to the Bank. They are therefore requested to pay off the liability and other charges and redeem the pledged securities on or before **25.04.2025** failing which the said securities will be sold by the Bank in public auction at the cost of the borrower at the Bank's premises at **11.00 A.M.** on **25.04.2025** or on any other convenient date thereafter without further notice, at the absolute discretion of the Bank.

Date of Loan	Name and address of the borrower
10.08.2023	**Mr. Daniel Essex,** No:154, FRASER TOWN, BBMP, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA - 560005, also at No: 3, High street cross, Cooke town, Bangalore 560005
Loan A/c Number 133116630000611	

Place: Bangalore
Date : 21.04.2025
OFFICER / MANAGER

Dr.AMBEDKAR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
BDA Outer Ring Road, Mallathahally, Bengaluru – 560 056
Tel – 080- 23211232 & Mob No -9986003865

AIT/EST/093/2025-26 Date: 22.04.2025

RE-ADVERTISEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT CADRE APPOINTMENTS

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   Eligibility: MBA with 15 years' administrative experience in reputed Government or Private organizations. Retired uniform services personnel are preferred.
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Applicants already submitted for the previous advertisement are informed to re-apply on or before **25.4.2025 by 5 p m.**

Sd/- Principal Sd/- Secretary, Managing Trustee

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004, TG.

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

'e'-Tender No. & Date	Name of Work	Ranging (approx.)	Bid document download start date
'e' Tender Notice EP. No.10/ CGM(E)/TC/T1/ TD-II/2025-26, Dtd: 21/04/2025.	Replacement of damaged/degraded 1500mm dia common manifold, 1000mm dia Air vessels and 600mm dia delivery lines of pumps duly laying new MS Pipes of 1500,1000 & 600mm at Phase-II Pump House under EAM Cell-I, K'goor TD-II, P'cheru.	Rs. 303.06 lakhs	22.04.2025 @ 11.30 AM

The Tenderers are requested to upload the information on the Zip format preferably. Further details can be seen on **www.eprocurement.gov.in.**

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-04, TG.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Finance Department)
FISCAL POLICY INSTITUTE (FPI)
Bangalore-Mysore Road, Kengeri, Bengaluru - 560 060.
Ph: 080-2697 1000, Website: www.fpibengaluru.karnataka.gov.in

No: FPI-PROC0TNDR(CHK)/1/2025-ADMN Date : 21.04.2025

e-Tender Notification

Fiscal Policy Institute (FPI) invites Tender through e-procurement in two-covers mode, from the reputed agencies for the following service.

"Tender for Procurement of Catering Services and Housekeeping Services of Kitchen, Dining Hall and Storeroom at Fiscal Policy Institute, Bengaluru". Last date: **06.05.2025 till 3 PM.**

The Tender details may be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal: website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- For Director
Fiscal Policy Institute (FPI)

DIPR/CP/YC/292/2025-26

ಪುರಸಭೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಹುಣಸಮಾರನಹಳ್ಳಿ
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–562157, ದೂರವಾಣಿ:–080–23901864
Email:-itstaff.ulb.hmhalli@gmail.com Web:- hunasamaranahallitown.mrc.gov.in
ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ:ಹು.ಪು/ತಾ.ಶಾ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್/02/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.04.2025

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಹುಣಸಮಾರನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಪುರಸಭಾ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪುರಸಭಾ ನಿಧಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ವಚ್ ಭಾರತ್ ಮಿಷನ್ 2.0 ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ 2024–25 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ಮುಕ್ತನಿಧಿಯಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ದರ್ಜೆಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಅರ್ಹ ಏಜನ್ಸಿದಾರರಿಂದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಮೊಹರಾದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ

Sl. No.	Indent Number	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ವರ್ಗ
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1	DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT39012.	53.80	Others
2	DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT38986	1.82	Cat-IIA
3	DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT38987.	54.28	Others
4	DMA/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT38988.	7.20	Others
5	DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT38989.	1.05	SC
6	DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT38990.	1.48	SC
7	DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT38991.	8.02	ST
8	DMA/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT38992.	8.63	Others
9	DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT38993	1.68	Others
10	DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT38994.	10.00	Others
11	DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT39043	25.80	Others
12	DMA/2025-26/WT/WORK_INDENT39069	13.90	CAT-1
13	DMA/2025-26/EL/WORK INDENT39080	24.50	Others
14	DMA/2025-26/PM/WORK_INDENT39071	0.50	Others
15	DMA/2024-25/SE5061	26.40	–
16	DMA/2024-25/EL/WORK_INDENT31358/CALL-2	13.05	Others
17	DMA/2024-25/EL/WORK_INDENT31361/CALL-2	25.92	Others

5. ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ/ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.05.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00** ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ
6. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.05.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00** ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ.
7. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08.05.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.15** ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ
8. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12.05.2025 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.00** ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ
9. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು KPPP Portal ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.
10. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 080–23901864, ಇ ಮೇಲ್: **itstaff.ulb.hmhalli@gmail.com**

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರ

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2	DMA/2024-25/IND4300/CALL-2	2.09
3	DMA/2024-25/SE4559/CALL-2	4.34

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6. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29.04.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00** ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ.
7. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.05.2025 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.00** ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ
8. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05.05.2025 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.00** ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ
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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer-5, Health and Sanitation Division, 4th Floor, Annex-3 Building, BBMP Premises, N.R. Square, Bangalore - 560 002.

No: BBMP/EE-5/H&S/QUO/02/2024-25/Call-2 Date:21.04.2025

INVITATION FOR QUOTATION RATES
(Through KPP Portal Only) (2nd Call)

The Executive Engineer-5 Health and Sanitation Division, on behalf of the Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike has intend to procure Pre-Fabricated portable office cabin with complete interiors with work stations for the office use at civil slaughter house Tannery Road. As per Technical Specification recommendations of Joint director (AH) and Assistant Director (AH),

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1) Details of the items specification should be collected from the above office and submit the filled rate proposals through KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Availability of Quotation document from **21.04.2025 onwards. 3)** Last date for uploading the filled Rate Proposal: **29.04.2025 upto 16.30 Hrs. 4)** Date of opening of Rate Proposal: **02.05.2025 at 11.00 Hrs. 5)** For any information and queries and detailed specifications, contact the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer-5
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CIN-U55103KA1980SGC003775

No.: JLRL/2025-26/PREQUAL_TENDER NUMBER_2 Date: 19.04.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Jungle Lodges and Resorts Limited invites tender for Request for Qualification for Empanelment of Additional Consultants for Comprehensive Architectural, Design, Engineering and Project Management Consultancy Services to Jungle Lodges & Resorts Limited. The details of tender documents are available on the website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. The last date for receipt of Pre-Qualification tenders (through e-Procurement Portal) is **29.04.2025, 17.30 hours.**

For any further clarifications contact 91-8046010000 and 91-8068948777, Email : support@eprochelpdesk.com

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Managing Director

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Dated 17th April 2025

ANNOUNCEMENT inviting proposals for funding from Start-ups, MSMEs and Individual Innovators under S&T PRISM Program of Ministry of Mines (PRISM 4.0)

Proposals invited from Startups, MSMEs and Individual Innovators for up to 2 years duration, for funding under "Promotion of Research and Innovation in Startups and MSMEs in Mining, Mineral Processing, Metallurgy and Recycling Sector (S&T-PRISM)" under Science and Technology Program of Ministry of Mines so as to enable them to graduate to a level where they will be able to raise investments from angel/Venture Capitalist or they will reach a position to seek loans from commercial banks/financial institutions. Funding support will be in the form of a grant of up to ₹ 50 lakhs for Startup, ₹ 1 Cr. for MSME and grant up to ₹ 2 Cr. may be considered for technology products.

The detailed advertisement with problem statements and guidelines may be seen at SATYABHAMA Portal (research.mines.gov.in) of Ministry of Mines and JNARDDC's website (**https://jnarddc.gov.in/Startup-India.aspx**).

Online proposals must be submitted along with all necessary enclosures in the portal - **https://research.mines.gov.in/SNTPRISM/SNT_type.aspx**.

Last date of submission of proposals is **31.05.2025**.

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District: Shivamogga. e-Mail ID: acfhnr@gmail.com
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e-Tender Notice (Short Term e-Tender Notice Through e-Procurement Portal)

Tenders are invited (Item/ Unit wise in Two-Cover System) from interested forest contractors having minimum 05 (five) years of experience through e-Procurement Portal http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in for the construction & maintenance works of 46 plantations under various schemes in various forest zones of Sagara Division during the year 2025-26 & Estimated amount: Rs. 1,26,60,694=00 The last date for submission of tenders is :29.04.2025 up to 4-30 PM. Complete details of works and locations are detailed in the e-procurement portal http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

For further information, this office may be contacted. And also, details regarding the tender can be obtained through the official website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

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[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
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This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

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Place: Bangalore (Mysore)

Authorized Officer
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Bahujan Samaj Party state president M Krishnamurthy has demanded that the state government immediately arrest the miscreants responsible for vandalising flexes of Dr BR Ambedkar in Vajamangala village of Mysuru district, and charge them for sedition

SIDDU REOPENED CASTE CENSUS TO SECURE HIS POSITION AS CM?

Congress leaders, including Siddaramaiah, say decision taken after Rahul's involvement

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

EVEN as the Socio Economic Educational Survey (SEES-2015) report, popularly known as caste census, has triggered an enormous controversy with certain communities -- especially Veerashaiva Lingayats and Vokkaligas -- alleging that they were undercounted, the debate is now shifting to the change of guard in the government.

Political leaders and analysts have been left to wonder whether Chief Minister Siddaramaiah resorted to this strategy on the caste survey to consolidate his position as a champion of backward classes, which are shown as the biggest block in the survey, and to safeguard his post.

Assembly Opposition Leader R Ashoka alleged that Siddaramaiah is banking on the caste census to not transfer power to Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, as per an agreement reached when Congress won the Assembly elections in 2023. It was part of a political game to reopen the issue of caste census after a gap of 10 years, he charged.

BJP state president BY Vijayendra said in Davanagere on Monday, "Whenever Siddaramaiah feels insecure about his position, he brings up the caste issue."

Siddaramaiah's supporter and former minister HM Revanna, also a Kuruba like the CM, had earlier said, "Siddaramaiah, already an established mass leader, need not adopt such strategy to strengthen his position."

A second-line Dalit Congress leader said Siddaramaiah, who is CM for the second term, will adhere to the high command's decision.

But it is an open secret that some Dalit leaders within the government are nurturing the dream of becoming chief minister, hoping that Siddaramaiah, a champion of AHINDA -- an acronym for minorities, backward classes and Dalits -- would propose a Dalit's name to the high command when he steps down.

However, some Congress leaders attribute sudden keenness to bring out the caste census to Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi's insistence on its implementation. This is part of a larger political plan to woo backward classes across the country by showcasing the Karnataka model, they added. Siddaramaiah in Belagavi on Sunday revealed that the decision to present the caste census to the cabinet was taken after he met Rahul and got the latter's consent.

"There is a clear plan as Siddaramaiah wants to project himself as the champion of backward classes and also stall any possibility of efforts to replace him as chief minister. Shifting the attention away from the change of guard is also being discussed as a possibility," said political scientist Prof Sandeep Shastri.

On resolving the caste census imbroglio, he suggested a fresh survey. "Unless the government satisfies people about the authenticity of the survey, there is no question of getting people's agreement on the numbers. The way forward is to either set up a committee on social justice and review the survey which is ten years old or to conduct a fresh survey," he said.

CM Siddaramaiah inaugurates the State Government Employees' Day celebrations, as Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, MLA Rizwan Arshad, and others look on at Vidhana Soudha on Monday | EXPRESS

Whenever Siddaramaiah feels insecure about his position, he brings up the caste issue

BY Vijayendra, BJP state president

There is no point in making unnecessary allegations. How is it possible to prepare a report, without the original report? It has to be there. When we discuss it in the cabinet, we will also take note of the opposition's allegations. We will discuss them

Dr G Parameshwara, Home Minister

Original report missing? Cabinet may discuss row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE state cabinet that would resume the discussions on the Socio-Economic and Educational Survey 2025 or the caste census report on May 2 is likely to take note of the BJP's allegations that the original report is missing from the state backward classes commission office.

"There is no point in making unnecessary allegations. How is it possible to prepare a report, without the original report? It has to be there. When we discuss it in the cabinet, we will also take note of the opposition's allegations. These are serious allegations and we will discuss them," Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said. He was responding to BJP leader R Ashoka's allegations that the report submitted to the government was fake as the original copy was missing. Ashoka is demanding a judicial probe into the matter.

He said the report was discussed in the cabinet and ministers spoke about their communities. It would be again discussed in the cabinet and a decision has to be taken after looking at all aspects, he said, responding to a question.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar asked Ashoka to find out from the commission chairman if the report was real or fake. "The Backward Classes Commission is an autonomous body. The sealed report was opened in the cabinet meeting. It was videographed as well," the DCM said.

"The discussions of cabinet meetings are not to be discussed in public," Shivakumar said, responding to a question on PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi's statement that it would take a year to implement the caste census report.

CASTE CENSUS WON'T AFFECT LINGAYATS, VOKKALIGAS ADVERSELY, IT'LL INSTEAD HELP THEM, SAYS YATHINDRA

MYSURU: Congress MLC **Yathindra Siddaramaiah** here on Monday denied charges that the implementation of the Socio-economic Educational Survey, popularly known as caste census, is against the interests of dominant communities. He said the caste census will, instead, benefit everyone. The report has details of population, economic, social and employment status of castes, based on which, the government will decide the quantum of reservation for each community. The state government will also prevail upon the Centre to increase the limit of reservation for backward classes that will benefit both Vokkaligas and Lingayats, he said. He said the BJP government has increased the reservation to 2A and 2B categories by 2%, but the Jayaparakash Hegde commission has recommended increasing it to 3% and for backwards classes from 32% to 51%.

Reclassify Balajiga, Banajiga under Group B for education and job: HC

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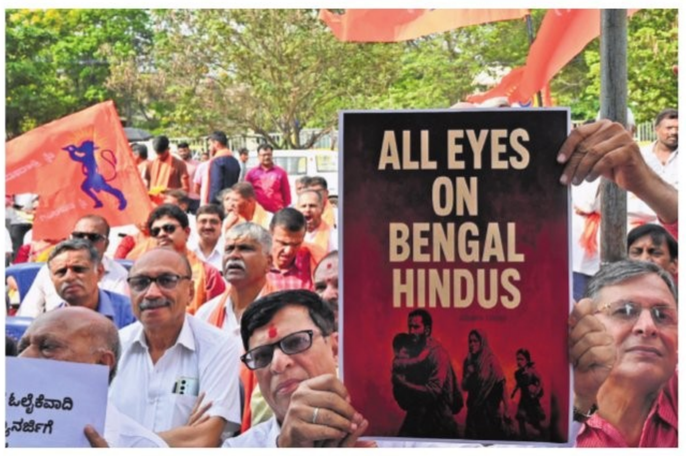
THE Karnataka High Court declared that classification of Balajiga/Banajiga community for employment purpose being different from educational purpose is discriminatory, illegal and violative of Article 14 of the Constitution. The court directed the state government to reclassify the Balajiga/Banajiga community as Group B for educational purpose, and retain the classification as Group B for employment purpose, and not as Group D.

Allowing the petition filed by V Sumitra, a resident of Gejjalamatta village in Kollegal taluk of Mysuru district, Justice Suraj Govindaraj directed the state government to reclassify the Balajiga/Banajiga community under Article 16(4) as Group B instead of Group D.

"It is declared that the petitioner belonging to Balagiga/Banajiga community would be entitled to reservation for employment under Group B, and as such her employment as a primary school teacher is directed to be continued by availing such benefit," the court said.

The court stated that a particular community cannot be classified differently for educational and employment purposes, and quashed the order dated April 8, 1996, passed by the Caste and Income Verification Committee, and the order dated June 15, 1999, by the Appellate Authority in the petitioner's case.

The petitioner, who belongs to the Balajiga/Banajiga community, after being selected as teacher in a primary school, obtained a certificate from the tahsildar that she belongs to Group B category. After obtaining a provisional appointment letter dated January 17, 1993, the petitioner continued to render services. In February 1996, she received a notice alleging that for purpose of employment, she would belong to Group D and not Group B, and that the caste certificate issued was not proper or applicable for reservation. The Caste and Income Verification Committee cancelled the caste certificate in April 1996. Therefore, her case was not considered by the Administrative Tribunal, prompting her to move the high court in 2013 against the tribunal order.



RAISING VOICE

VHP members protest against West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, over the violence in Murshidabad, in Bengaluru on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

BJP urges Speaker to revoke suspension of its 18 MLAs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

BJP leaders on Monday met Assembly Speaker UT Khader and urged him to revoke the suspension of 18 MLAs from their party.

They were suspended for six months on March 21 for their unruly behaviour in the Assembly.

After meeting Khader, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka said the BJP MLAs were not suspended as per law and the order should be revoked. Ashoka said the incident happened inside the House and it should have been resolved there itself. Such incidents happened earlier too when the Congress was in the Opposition, he added.

Ashoka, however, said that his party MLAs had no intention of insulting the Speaker's chair. "As a political party, we raised the CD case in which minister KN Rajanna's name has been allegedly mentioned. We have no personal agenda or personal issue with the Speaker," he said.

4 K'taka HC judges to be transferred, AAB protests

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Supreme Court collegium recommended the transfer of four judges of the Karnataka High Court to different high courts. They include Justice Hemant Chandangoudar to Madras High Court, Justice K Natarajan to Kerala High Court, Justice NS Sanjay Gowda to Gujarat High Court, and Justice Krishna S Dixit to Orissa High Court.

"With a view to infuse inclusivity and diversity at the high courts and to strengthen the quality of administration of justice, the Supreme Court Collegium in its meeting held on April 16 and 19, 2025, recommended the transfer of the judges", the collegium observed, while recommending the transfer of seven judges of different high courts, including four judges from the Karnataka High Court.

Meanwhile, the Advocates' Association of Bengaluru (AAB) unanimously demanded the collegium to withdraw the proposed transfers. In order to express deep displeasure and opposition to the transfer, the AAB is holding a massive protest at the Golden Jubilee Gate of the HC from Tuesday morning. The AAB also has called a special general body meeting at 1.30 pm on Tuesday to discuss the future course of action.

Stating that a meeting of all the senior counsels was held regarding the transfer, the AAB office-bearers issued a statement that all senior advocates were of the unanimous view that the transfer move of the judges is wrong and must be withdrawn. Memorandums are being sent, signed by all senior counsels to the collegium members of the SC, and to the President, the Prime Minister, and Law Minister, seeking immediate withdrawal of the transfer proposal.

HDK questions Rayareddy's U-turn on 'graft'

ENS @ Bengaluru

UNION minister HD Kumaraswamy on Tuesday slammed senior Congress leader Basavaraj Rayareddy, accusing him of a volte-face on corruption in Karnataka, and questioning his sudden praise for CM Siddaramaiah, just weeks after branding the state as "corrupt".

Kumaraswamy ridiculed Rayareddy's backpedaling as "not just ironic, but downright comical". "There was no need for Rayareddy, the Economic Advisor to the CM, to backtrack. He had merely spoken the truth," Kumaraswamy quipped, adding, "In fact, his own words once echoed the spirit of 'Satyameva Jayate', but it seems now he's chosen silence over sincerity."

The former CM further dared Rayareddy to deny the "series of scams" tainting the current regime. "Is he really so blissfully ignorant, or just politically paralysed," he asked pointedly. "Under my leadership, contractors were paid on time — no delays, no kickbacks! But today, commission agents practically have a red carpet for Vidhana Soudha," he stated.

Turning the heat up, the JDS leader branded the Congress government as "East India Company 2.0" that's "plundering Karnataka under the guise of governance".

He concluded: "What moral high ground does Rayareddy, a cog in this loot machinery, have to question JDS? His selective amnesia doesn't absolve this government's tainted track record."

DCM DK Shivakumar inaugurates KEONICS' new e-commerce portal, as IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge, KEONICS chairman MLA Sharath Bachegowda, and IT/BT Secretary Ekroop Caur look on, in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

KEONICS' new portal to enable state govt to buy items at fair price

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

TO make government purchases more transparent and bring more rural youth into the tech sector, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Monday launched a new e-commerce portal developed by Karnataka State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (KEONICS), the state's IT agency. The updated platform will help government departments buy necessary items at competitive prices while ensuring the process is digital and clear.

Speaking at the launch, Shivakumar said, "Today, development happens through technology. It brings growth and wealth, and we must encourage more young people from rural areas to build skills in this field." During the event, the DCM also handed over appointment letters to new staff at KEONICS.

IT/BT and RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge said the portal has been designed to solve problems that KEONICS has faced for the last two years. "Now, departments can easily get what they need at better prices. This new system brings more efficiency and fairness," he said.

KEONICS chairman Sharath Bachegowda said the portal is part of a larger reform to make the organisation more transparent. "The tender process is now fully digital. Government departments can make purchases in a proper, rule-based, and open manner. KEONICS is ready to work with a new vision and improved system," he highlighted.

BJP seeks probe into smart meter 'scam'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

BJP MLAs led by former deputy CM CN Ashwathnarayana have filed a complaint with Karnataka Lokayukta seeking an investigation into the alleged scam in procurement of smart meters by the Energy Department.

In the complaint, they alleged that Energy Minister KJ George and Additional Chief Secretary Gaurav Gupta, former BESCOM MD Mahantesh Bilagi and other officials ensured that Rajashree Electricals Private Limited bagged the tender for supply of smart meters. There is a need to investigate the nexus between George and the private company, the BJP leaders stated.

The Ministry of Finance has mandated that procurement of material worth more than Rs 200 crore should be done through a global tendering process, but this has not been followed while inviting tenders for smart meters, they said.

The BJP MLAs pointed out that the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission provides an opportunity to consumers to either choose smart meters or normal ones. But the board of directors made installation of smart meters mandatory. The tender has been estimated at Rs 997 crore as against Rs 4,985 crore, which was done deliberately to ensure that the work order is given to this company. The board of directors, instead of calculating the total contract value, have calculated only the annual tender value, they alleged. The company collaborated with BCITS Private Limited just to participate in the tendering process. Interestingly, BCITS Private Limited is a blacklisted company and the board of directors are aware of it, the BJP leaders alleged.

Gold hits new high, 10gm of 24-carat touches ₹1L

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

TEN grams of 24-carat gold crossed the Rs 1 lakh mark in Bengaluru. Gold traders in the city said this is an all-time high and that the price of the yellow glittering metal, except for some 'corrections', will only go north. They predict that the rate of a kilo of gold, which is around Rs 1 crore now, will almost double to Rs 2 crore within five years.

On Monday morning, in the Bengaluru market, gold traders said one gram of 22-carat gold stood at Rs 9,285 and that of 24-carat at Rs 10,200, excluding GST and additional charges like making and wastage. The increasing price of gold has worried buyers, especially at a time when Akshaya Tritiya, which is considered auspicious to buy gold and silver, falls on April 30.

Suresh Kumar Ganna, former president of The Jewellers' Association, Bengaluru, and a gold trader, told TNIE, "The rate of gold is escalating due to prevailing global uncertainty and the US dollar's continued slide. Historically, gold has been considered a safe investment and it continues. It helps in easy liquidation, where you can convert gold into cash immediately in minutes, and no other medium gives this leverage."

"India imports around 800-900 tonnes of gold every year, and as per rough estimates, our country has the highest gold reserves in the world, with people holding around 25,000 tonnes of gold," said Ganna. He said that in four months, the price of gold, which was around Rs 75,000 for 10gm, has jumped by over Rs 25,000.

Dinesh Pagaria, managing director of JJJ Jewellers Private Limited, said that within six years, the rate of gold has almost tripled. "Ten grams of 24-carat gold was within Rs 35,000 in 2019. Now, in 2025, the rate has tripled, standing at around Rs 1,03,000 lakh, excluding GST and other charges," he said. On the reasons for the sudden jump in prices, Pagaria said, "We are told by gold traders that of late, the Chinese are aggressively buying gold and increasing their gold reserves. They are converting their dollar reserves into gold." He said that gold is the only trustworthy currency and no other currency could replace it globally. Pagaria predicted that gold rates will witness over 25 per cent jump within this year.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate projects worth nearly Rs 1 lakh crore during his visit to Amaravati on May 2, officials confirmed on Monday

KMF ON EXPANSION MODE, SET TO ENTER RAJASTHAN, MP

Also plans protein-rich items, bakery delicacies

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

NANDINI, Karnataka's popular homegrown milk brand, is all set to enter Rajasthan — the second largest milk-producing state in the country — as part of its plan to grow beyond South India.

After establishing its presence in Delhi, Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) plans to begin milk procurement and set up co-packaging centres in Rajasthan to strengthen its supply ch ain and make deeper inroads into the northern market, with Madhya Pradesh also being explored as part of its wider national expansion strategy.

By setting up co-packaging units closer to northern markets, KMF is aiming to cut down the distance that milk and milk products need to travel. This move is expected to ease the burden on the cold chain, helping preserve nutritional value and reduce the risk of spoilage, a KMF official said.

Co-packaging centres will also enable KMF to receive bulk milk or semi-processed dairy from nearby places or even Karnataka and handle the final packaging closer to target markets. This not only speeds up turnaround times but also helps the brand respond more efficiently to regional demand, ensuring fresher products reach retail shelves faster, the official added.

With protein-rich foods gaining popularity, KMF is gearing up to launch a new range of high-protein dairy products this May. The upcoming lineup will feature protein-packed flavoured milk in tetra packs, along with fermented Stock Keeping Unit (SKUs) such as plain and flavoured Greek yoghurts, KMF Managing Director B Shivaswamy said. "We are working on introducing unique products that no other company has launched so far," the MD said, highlighting the brand's focus on innovation and differentiation in the expanding protein-focused market.

Muffins and fruit cakes

KMF, which currently offers only three items under its bakery and confectionary section — bread, buns, and cream buns — is expanding its range to include new products such as slice cakes, fruit cakes, cupcakes, muffins, and more, with a total of about 22 variants and flavours under these products. Shivaswamy said that while KMF's current bakery products have a shelf life of just eight days, the brand is now focusing on creating items with a shelf life of up to four months. "This change will make the products more suitable for e-commerce and quick-delivery platforms ensuring they remain fresh and available for longer periods," he added.

Govt failed to protect border with China: Pallam Raju

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FORMER Union Minister of State for Defence **Mallipudi Mangapati Pallam Raju** on Monday alleged that the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre has failed to protect India's border with China.

"The nation's defence is a continuum, as the Congress never tried to politicise it. I think the biggest failure of the Modi government has been its failure to protect our border with China," he told The New Indian Express on the sidelines of a press conference organised to condemn the ED chargesheet against Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi in the National Herald case.

"We had a similar situation in 2012 when the Chinese came and sat on our border for two weeks. We (UPA government) resolved it through the mechanisms that existed then and also through bilateral means and through effective external affairs dialogues," Raju said.

"The fact that the Chinese sat on the border for over three years and have occupied large tracts of Indian territory shows that it's been a security failure and also a foreign policy failure. This is exactly what Rahul Gandhi highlighted which irritated the Union Government that they cancelled his Lok Sabha membership... but the courts stood by him," he said.

"It is not a secret that we assess our threat on two fronts —the western front with Pakistan and the eastern front with China. Several Army chiefs in the past have highlighted that we need to strengthen our capabilities if we are to face a two-front war. I think the government should address it. We have to ensure our armed forces are adequately equipped to deal with such a situation," he said.

Raju, a special invitee to the Congress Working Committee (CWC), called the ED's chargesheet against Sonia and Rahul vendetta politics. He alleged that in order to cover its failures, the Modi government has unleashed the ED on Congress leaders.

IN POPE'S MEMORY

A girl pays tributes to Pope Francis who died in The Vatican on Monday, at St Mary's Church in Madurai, Tamil Nadu | KK SUNDAR

'THE BIKER CONTINUED TO ABUSE ME, WIFE'

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"After seeing the DRDO stickers on the car, the biker continued to abuse me and my wife. I could not bear it. When I stepped out of my car, he took his bike keys and hit me on my forehead. I started bleeding and shouted at him: Is this how you treat people who defend you? More people gathered at the spot and they too started abusing us, accusing us of doing wrong things. Meanwhile, the biker took a stone and started hitting our car. When I tried to stop, he hit my head with the stone," Wg Cdr Bose said. He said, "This is what Karnataka has become. God gave me power not to retaliate. Tomorrow if law and order does not help me, I will retaliate and then these people will have it. Please help me." Wg Cdr Bose admitted to having hit the biker and pushing him in self-defence. "The biker also bit my finger," he said and claimed that he lost his phone and keys. Police said the biker has not filed any complaint.

ISRO successfully docks two satellites, power exchange starts

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

As the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully docked two low-orbit satellites — SDX-01 and SDX-02 (Target and Chaser) – as part of the Space Docking Experiment (SpaDeX) on Monday morning, scientists said there is no time to relax as challenges are still on. The scientists are now monitoring the transfer of energy from one satellite to the other. "This work is more crucial than docking and undocking. The success and progress of transfer of energy, which is also one of the parts of the experimental mission, will decide the future course of action of ISRO's missions," ISRO sources said.

"The exercise of switching off the energy of one satellite and using solar energy to transfer power to the other satellite and vice-versa is being done. A continuous supply of power and then a sudden stop and its impact also needs to be studied. There is no time limit for the experiments as the two satellites can live for 10-15 years. There is abundant solar energy and sufficient fuel in the satellites for docking and undocking. However, efforts are being made to ensure there are no errors," the sources said.

ISRO Chairman N Narayanan said that while docking and undocking did not happen in the first attempt during the first trials, it was a success in the first attempt in the second trial. "Work on transfer of energy from one satellite to the other started from Monday morning. The next undocking will not happen immediately. We will wait for some time before working on the next course," he said and added that with 50% fuel capacity available, all caution is being exercised.

ISRO sources said the SpaDeX mission and now the exercise of transfer of energy is more crucial and difficult because the spacecraft are small. "These are 220kg, low-orbit satellites and are not easy to handle. The management has been given full freedom to work with the spacecraft and take time in completing all mission exercises through controlled and uncontrolled panels," the sources said. ISRO launched the mission in December 2024 with SDX-01 and SDX-02 on PSLV-C-60 into the 470 km circular orbit at 55 degree inclination with a time difference of 66 days. The first docking was on January 16, 2025 and they were undocked on March 13, 2025.

ISRO on Monday shared that the second docking experiment too was a success and it happened at 8.20pm on April 20. ISRO also completed the power transfer from SDX-02 to SDX-01 satellite as well as vice-versa on April 21. The experiment involved operating a heater element in one of the satellites through power from the other satellite. The duration of power transfer was approximately four minutes and the performance of the satellites was as expected.The scientists added that in the second attempt, the docking was completed with full autonomy from an inter-satellite distance of 15 metres till docking, whereas in the first docking attempt, an additional hold point was manually exercised at an inter-satellite distance of 3 metres.

After Karnataka, Rahul asks TG, Himachal govts to implement 'Rohith Vemula Act'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

SENIOR Congress leader **Rahul Gandhi** has written to the chief ministers of party-ruled Telangana and Himachal Pradesh to enact a law to ensure no one faces caste-based discrimination in education system. This comes days after he urged Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah to enact a similar legislation.

Rahul has asked Telangana CM A Revanth Reddy and Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu to enact 'Rohith Vemula Act'.

Vemula, a research scholar of the University of Hyderabad, ended his life in January 2016, allegedly due to institutional discrimination as the varsity issued orders prohibiting him and four others from accessing public spaces on the campus.

In his letter to the chief minister, Rahul mentioned the harrowing stories of Dalit students and leaders and drew a parallel between the historical injustices faced by Dr BR Ambedkar and the deaths of modern-day students like Vemula, Payal Tadvi and Darshan Solanki.

The letter quoted Ambedkar's painful recollections of systemic exclusion, including being denied food and water during a journey and being forced to sit apart from other students in school due to his caste. Rahul wrote that these incidents reflect a continuing legacy of caste-based oppression that still pervades Indian society, particularly within the education system.

"It is a shame that even today, millions of students from Dalit, Adivasi and OBC communities have to face such brutal discrimination," Rahul wrote, highlighting the structural and emotional toll inflicted on marginalised communities.

Denouncing the deaths of Rohith Vemula, Tadvi and Solanki as "murders" of promising futures, he noted that their loss was "simply not acceptable". He asked the Telangana government to take definitive legislative action to ensure no child of India has to endure what these students faced.

Soon, 100 more Kalika Kendras to come up in K'taka to teach Kannada

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AFTER teaching basic Kannada to 2,000 non-Kannadigas in 30 Kalika Kendras (learning centres) in places like the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) and Reserve Bank of India in Bengaluru, the Kannada Development Authority (KDA) is all set to open 100 such centres across Karnataka. In Bengaluru alone, 40 more centres will come up by the end of December.

Kannada Development Authority Chairman Purushotham Bilimale said that one centre will come up in an Urdu-dominated locality in Kalaburagi in coordination with Kalaburagi Deputy Commissioner.

"The focus is on conversational Kannada. Thirty-eight hours of classes will be held in three months to teach basic Kannada," Bilimale said, adding that the idea is not to take up literary Kannada works but just basic Kannada with a local touch.

KDA has a budget of Rs 2 crore for the promotion of Kannada and has 75 trained teachers who taught in 30 centres in Bengaluru last year.

"Earlier, some Kannada outfits had an issue with Kannada Development Authority spending money to teach Kannada to non-Kannadigas under the programme. So, KDA is also open to associations coming forward to fund the teaching of the state language. Recently, an association approached KDA to teach Kannada to 500 people from Jharkhand. They will only pay for three months of teaching," Bilimale said.

The focus of Kannada Development Authority is mainly Bengaluru City owing to the heavy influx of migrants from other states. "In KGF taluk in Kolar district, there is a demand to set up a Kalika Kendra for the Tamil-speaking population. We will set it up soon," he added.

EXPRESS READ

Kochi Metro all set to help Goa implement water taxi project

KOCHI: The Kochi Metro Rail Ltd (KMRL) is set to help the Goa government implement its long-pending water taxi project. As part of it, an expert team from Kochi is slated to visit Goa next month. The move is part of the KMRL's ongoing efforts to conduct feasibility studies and help in replicating the Kochi Water Metro project in 17 locations across India. **ENS**

TTD directs Sharada Peetham to vacate its building within 15 days

TIRUMALA: The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has issued a notice to Visakha Sri Sharada Peetham to vacate and surrender its five-story building near Gogarbham Dam in Tirumala within 15 days. The directive arises from findings of unauthorised constructions and encroachments by the Peetham in violation of TTD regulations. The issue first came to light last year when another mutt management complained to the then TTD Executive Officer Dharma Reddy, highlighting illegal constructions at the front and back of the Peetham's premises. **ENS**

Kalaburagi, Bidar sizzle, record maximum temperature of 44.5°C

KALABURAGI: Kalaburagi and Bidar districts in Karnataka recorded the highest maximum temperature of 44.5°C, which is the highest in the last eight years on this date, according to the sources in the meteorological department. Nimbarga Tanda hobli of Aland taluk, Kalaburagi, and Dabaka hobli situated at Kamalnagar taluk of Bidar district recorded the maximum temperature of 44.5°C. **ENS**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಚೇರಿ ಕನೀನಿ, ಮಬದಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 3 ಬ್ಯಾಹಟ್ಟಿ,
ತಾ:: ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ, ಜಿ: ಧಾರವಾಡ 580023. ಫೋನ್ : 0836-2315225 ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ :2315226
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ಸಂ.ಕನೀನಿನಿ/ಮಬದವಿ-3/ಎ.ಇ-2/ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್/2025-26/126 ದಿನಾಂಕ:21-04-2025

ಮುಂದೂಡಿಕೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗಳ ಸಂ.2840 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24/03/2025 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೆಯಲಾದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು ಹಾಗೂ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂಬರಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಮುಂದೂಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದರ ಬದಲಾದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ ಮತ್ತು ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು :
Flood Control and Flood Management for Management for Tuparihalla phase-II upt Confluence of Bennihallafrom Km 0.000 to Km90.00. (WI NO:- KNNL/2024-25/FP/WORK_INDENT2891)

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 159.68 ಕೋಟಿ (135.52 ಕೋಟಿ + ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ)
ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ:- ರೂ. 1.36 ಕೋಟಿ

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೆಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ (http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.05.2025 ರಂದು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.06.2025 ರ 4.00p.m ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಪ್ರೀ ಬಿಡ್ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06/06/2025 ರಂದು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ, 4ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಕಾಫಿ ಬೋರ್ಡ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ನಂ:1, ಡಾ:ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ ವೀಧಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560001. ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡೆಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.06.2025 ರಂದು 11:30a.m ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಕನೀನಿ, ಮಬದಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ:3, ಬ್ಯಾಹಟ್ಟಿ ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಸಹಾಯಕರ ಮೊ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 9902666423 ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಯಾವದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೇ, ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ, ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/-ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,
ಕನೀನಿನಿ,ಮಬದಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ: 3 ಬ್ಯಾಹಟ್ಟಿ

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಧಾರವಾಡ/70/ದೇಕಶಾಂಡಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿ/2025-26

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrowers(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	31839630000228 & 32509630000560	1) Mr. Jotesh A, 2) Mr. A Puneeth Kumar, 3) Mrs. Munirathnamma A, 4) Mr. Chandrashekar A	13.02.2025 Rs.24,42,645.70 (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Forty Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Five and Seventy Paisa Only) due as on 12-02-2025	Date: 19-04-2025 Time: 01:55 PM Symbolic Possession

Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.46, BBMP Property No.29/46, Sy.No.29, measuring East to West 30 Ft. and North to South 40 Ft., totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft., situated at Kodichikkanahalli Village, Rotary Nagara, Beguru Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the limits of BBMP and **Bounded on: East by:** Site No.45, **West by:** Site No.47, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.38.

Whereas the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 22.04.2025

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) | **Registered Office:** The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrowers, Guarantors and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/Co-Borrower's/Guarantor's/Mortgagors as mentioned in column NO.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Date of NPA & Demand Notice Date	Amount Due in Rs./ as on
1	1) Mrs. Deepa B, 2) Mrs. Nanjamma	Loan Account No. 46459430000446 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	Date of NPA: 03-04-2025 Demand Notice Date: 17.04.2025	Rs.4,69,772.74 (Rupees Four Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Two and Seventy Four Paisa Only) due as on 14-04-2025
	Mortgaged Immovable Property: All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing House No.69, Assessment No.179/1, situated at Bisanahalli Majare Ganjarnahalli Village, Nandagudi Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, presently comes under the limits of Shivanapura Village Panchaya and **Bounded by the: East by:** Road and House of Muniyappa, **West by:** House of Venkataramanappa, **North by:** House of Chinnappa, **South by:** Vacant Place and Road. Measuring East to West 31 ½ Feet and North to South 27 ½ Feet.			
2	1) Mr. Noorpasha H, 2) Mrs. Gultaj	Loan Account No. 47469430002111 Loan Amount: Rs.33,50,000/-	Date of NPA: 03-04-2025 Demand Notice Date: 17.04.2025	Rs.33,49,607.09 (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Seven and Nine Paisa Only) due as on 14-04-2025
	Mortgaged Immovable Property: Schedule "A" Property: Item No.I: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Present VP Katha No.15030040102575, Converted Sy.No.151/4 (Converted vide Conversion Certificate bearing No.ALN (HK) SR.104/2013-14, dated 10/02/2024, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist. Bangalore) situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, totally measuring 13 Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and **Bounded on the: East by:** Site No.777 in Nisarga Hi-Tech Layout, **West by:** Property belongs to Nagala Naidu, **North by:** Nisarga Hi-Tech Layout, **South by:** Nisarga Hi-Tech Layout. **Item-II:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing of Plot No.117, Khatha No.1051, a layout formed out of Converted Survey No.150/1, in the layout named "NISARGA HI-TECH PHASE II LAYOUT" (converted vide the Orders of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District, dated 03/10/2009, bearing No.ALN(H)SR:77/2009-10) and as per the residential layout plan approved by vide No.HPA/LAO/05/2009-10. dated 24/09/2010, situated at Kannurahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk Bangalore Rural District, measuring 26.09 + 39.55 Mtrs/2 X 16.46 mtrs, totally Measuring 540.20 Sq.meters or 5814.89 Sq.feet, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and **Bounded on the: East by:** 80 Ft Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Site Nos.118, 119, 120 & 121, **South by:** Site Nos.116 &115. **Schedule "B":** 32.16 Sq.meters or 346.546 Sq.meters, Undivided right title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in schedule "A" above **Schedule "C":** All that piece and parcel of the Property Flat bearing No.407, in the Fourth Floor, in Block "B" measuring about 124.03 Sq.meters or 1335 Sq.feet, super built up area, 32.16 Sq.meter or 346.566 Sq.feet of undivided share, containing three bedrooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring together with one covered car parking Space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multi-storeyed residential building complex known as "VR PEARL" constructed over Property Schedule A (Property bearing VP Katha No.15030040102575, Converted Sy.No.151/42 and Property bearing of Flat No.117, katha No.1051, A layout formed out of converted Sy.No.150/1) and **Bounded by the: East by:** Open to Sky, **West by:** Flat No.408, **North by:** Open to Sky, **South by:** Open to Sky.			

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No.6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 22.04.2025, Place: Bangalore Rural — Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

A.O. # 14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560020.
Phone: 23562229 / 23460051

DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER SUB SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002. { HEREINAFTER CALLED "ACT"}

At your request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned firms/individual(s) companies against secured assets through its branches stated below. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement/ documents & creation of mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds are also furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular the debt has been classified as **Non performing asset (NPA)** in accordance with the directives / guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by the speed post / Registered AD calling upon you, was un-served / not acknowledged, therefore this notice is now issued / published.

Name and Address of the Borrowers:
Sri N. Channanarasimaiah, S/o Late Nanjappa, "Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Krupa" Shooting Bunglow, Opp Param Science and Cultural Centre, adjecent to HP Petrol Bunk, Channenahalli, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru-562130.
Description of the scheduled Property: All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Corporation No. 42, PID No. 17-18-42, Situated at 14th Main Road, Vrushabhavathi Nagara, Kamakshipalya, BBMP Ward No. 17, Benagluru, **Measuring:** East to West 41'-0" fts and North to South 30'-6" fts, having a total extent of 1254.6 square feets and **Bounded on the**: **East by**: Property of Mariguddamma, **West by**: Road, **North by**: Property of Shivamma, **South by**: Property No.42/1 of Ramachandra.
1) IPLA/c No.579 – Amount Due: Rs.24,28,985/- NPA Date: 22.11.2023
2) IPLA/c No.619- Amount Due: Rs.32,42,813/- NPA Date: 22.11.2023
Total Amount Due Rs.56,71,798/- as on 04.04.2025 plus principal, interest & other expenses. **Demand Notice Date: 05.04.2025**

Loan Type & Loan Account	Loan Sanction Date & Amount	NPA Date	Principle	Penal Interest & Other	Total Amount Due
Mortgage Loan 1) IPL-579	24.08.2018 Rs.30,00,000/-	22.11.2023	Rs..21,13,697/-	Rs.3,15,288/-	Rs.24,28,985/-
Mortgage Loan 2) IPL-619	29.05.2023 Rs.30,00,000/-	22.11.2023	Rs.28,49,970/-	Rs.3,92,843/-	Rs.32,42,813/-

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4) of the section (13) of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of subsection 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining prior written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's rights to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under the applicable Provision of Law.

Date : 22.04.2025
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorized Officer
Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Retail Assets Central Processing Centre, Yelahanka(18994)
No.5/1, Prestige Star Building,I Floor, Ring Road, Near Mother Dairy
Yelahanka Newtown, Bengaluru-560065
Tel:080-29720743/45/49, Email ID:sbi.18994@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

WHEREAS,The Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, RACPC, Yelahanka, Bengaluru under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/mortgagors/ Power of Attorney Holder to repay the amount mentioned against their names with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice.
The below mentioned borrowers/mortgagors/Power of Attorney Holder having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, RACPC, Yelahanka, Bengaluru has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on below mentioned dates
The borrowers/mortgagors /Power of Attorney Holder and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India,** for amounts mentioned below with further interest accrued thereon and cost.
The borrowers/mortgager's/ Power of Attorney Holder's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. Name of the borrowers : (1) Ms. Divya Ravi D/o Sri.M S Ravi Prasad and **(2) Sri.M S Ravi Prasad** S/o Manikyala Rao Malisetty
Demand Notice date: 05.12.2024 **A/c No.TL 35840469363**
Balance as per demand notice : **Rs.14,51,624/-** (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Fifty One Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Four Only) as on 03.12.2024 with future interest at contractual rate from 04.12.2024 together with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,
Possession Notice Date : 17.04.2025
Outstanding Loan amount: Rs.14,11,360/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Only) as on 14.04.2025and further interest at contractual rate from 15.04.2025 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc thereon.
Please note that Possession Notice dated 04.12.2018, its Paper Publication in The New Indian Express and Samyukta Karnataka dated 11.12.2018 and Possession Notice dated 13.02.2020 and its paper publication in The New Sunday Express and Samyukta Karnataka dated 16.02.2020 issued under Section 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT and further action stands withdrawn.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: **SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY :** All that piece and parcel of Immovable composite property bearing Corporation Khatha Nos.65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 73/1, 73/2, 73/3, 73/4, 74 and 92 situated at M S Ramaiah Road, Old HMT Main Road, Ward No.2, Bangalore, presently bearing Amalgamated Corporation No.72, actually measuring 74,196 Sq.ft and bounded on: East by: M S Ramaiah Main Road, West by: Property belonging to Sri.Janakiram,North by: 40 feet wide Road, South by: 25 feet wide Road.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being a portion of the Schedule A property, measuring on the East 175'9", on the West (70'+87'+58'3"), on the North (76'+262'7") and on the South (77'+263'4") totally measuring 5310.10 sq.meters or 57,137 Sq.ft and bounded on: East by: M S Ramaiah Main Road, West by: Property sold to Smt.Mallamma and property belonging to Sri.Janakiram,North by: 40 feet wide Road and Property belonging to Sri.Ramamurthy,South by: 25 feet wide Road and Property sold to Smt.Mallamma.
SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : 597/57,137 share of undivided interest in the Schedule B Property equivalent to 597 sq.feet with a right to construct and own the Schedule D Flat, is the subject matter of conveyed under sale deed dated 04.10.2010.
SCHEDULE 'D' PROPERTY: Flat No.701 on the Seventh Floor, of Block-A, of the building known as **'DIVYA MSR GATEWAY'** constructed on the Schedule B Property in terms of sanctioned plan, vide L.P No.JC/W/Mall/641/05-06 dated 16.11.2005, modified on 30.08.2006 and again on 15.03.2008, issued by the Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, consisting of hall cum dining, Three bedrooms, toilets, kitchen, balconies etc, along with prorata common areas and facilities attributable thereto, with a super built up area of 1631 sq.ft (i.e, built up area 1484 sq.ft) with Vitrified/Ceramic tiles for flooring with powder coated aluminium windows and teak panel door for entrance and flush doors enamel painted and emulsion paint for internal walls, together with other facilities provided. Two car parking spaces in the basement are allotted to this flat, standing in the name of Ms.Divya Ravi D/o Sri.M S Raviprasad.

2. Name of the borrowers : Sri.Mohammed Afzal S/o Sri.Mohammed Noorulla and **Sri.Mohammed Noorulla** S/o Sri.Mohammed Khasim (Power of Attorney Holder for Sri.Mohammed Afzal)
Demand Notice date:01.02.2025 **A/c No.HL 42726212056**
Balance as per demand notice : **Rs.26,29,610/-**(Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Ten Only) as on 30.01.2025 with future interest at contractual rate from 31.01.2025 together with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.
Possession Taken date : 17.04.2025
Outstanding Loan amount: Rs.26,75,447/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Four Hundred Forty Seven Only) as on 14.04.2025 and further interest at contractual rate from 15.04.2025 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc thereon.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: **SCHEDULE A PROPERTY :** All that piece and parcel of Property bearing converted Survey No.100/2, Old Survey No.100, present BBMP Katha No.21, situated at HormavuAgara Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, {Converted for non-agricultural residential purposes, vide Conversion Order No.ALN(E)SR(KH)64/2011-12 dated 23.08.2011, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore}, totally measuring 23 ½ Gunats, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on: East by : Road & Sy No.95 belonged to Pillashetty, West by : Road & Sy No.99 belonged to Nanjundappa, North by :Sy No.101 belonged to Muniswamappa, South by : Road and remaining portion of same Sy No.100/1 (Old Sy No.100)
SCHEDULE B PROPERTY : 486 Sq.feet undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule A above.
SCHEDULE C PROPERTY: Flat bearing No.410, in the Fourth Floor, measuring about 1585 Sq.feet super built up area, containing Three Bedrooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase etc, in the multistoried residential building known as **"TRANQUIL GREEN"** constructed over Schedule A Property, standing in the name of Sri.Mohammed Afzal S/o Sri.Mohammed Noorulla, Represented by his PA Holder Sri.Mohammed Noorulla S/o Sri.Mohammed Khasim

3. Name of the borrower : Sri.Santhosh C Samuel S/o Sri.Samuel C Chacko
Demand Notice date:01.02.2025 **A/c No.HL 34814156587, Suraksha 34814237820**
Balance as per demand notice : **Rs.60,90,806/-** (Rupees Sixty Lakh Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred Six Only) as on 30.01.2025 with future interest at contractual rate from 31.01.2025 together with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.
Demand Notice Paper Publication : "The New Indian Express" and "Kannadaprabha" on 19.02.2025
Possession Taken date : 17.04.2025
Outstanding Loan amount: Rs.62,52,055/- (Rupees Sixty Two Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Fifty Five Only) as on 14.04.2025 and further interest at contractual rate from 15.04.2025 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc thereon.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: **SCHEDULE A PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land bearing Eastern portion of Survey No.137/1, measuring 1 Acre 16 ¼ Guntas, (1 Acre 16.04 Guntas), bearing BBMP Khatha No.507 (carved out of Old Sy Nos.137/1 and re Sy No.137/4) converted vide the Official Memorandum dated 20.01.2011 bearing No.ALN(EB)(B)SR.25/2007-08 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District) situated at Channasandra Village, BidarahalliHobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and bounded on: East by : Private property belonging to Rajendra and others and the portion of land in the same, Survey Number, West by : Private property belonging to Sri.Pratap Reddy & Others, North by :Whitefield-ChikkaTirupathi Road and portion of the land in same Survey Number,South by : Government Gomala Land
SCHEDULE B PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the Commercially (mutation corridor) converted land being portion of Survey Number 137/1 bearing BBMP Khatha No.491 (carved out of old Sy Nos.137/1 and re Sy No.137/5) measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas, converted vide the Official Memorandum dated 20.05.2009 bearing No.ALN(E)(B)SR.60/2008-09 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District) situated at Channasandra Village, BidarahalliHobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and bounded on: East by : Eastern portion of the Sy No.137/1 belonging to landlords West by : Land in Sy No.138, North by :Whitefield-ChikkaTirupathi Road, South by : Government Gomala Land
SCHEDULE PROPERTY : (COMPOSITE/AMALGAMATED PROPERTY): All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing amalgamated BBMP Khatha No.491 (Old Sy No.137/1, re Sy No.137/4) measuring 1 Acre 16 ¼ Guntas, (1 Acre 16.04 Guntas), converted vide the Official Memorandum dated 20.01.2011 bearing No.ALN(EB)(B)SR.25/2007-08 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District) and BBMP Khatha No.491/11 (carved out of old Sy Nos.137/1 and re Sy No.137/5) measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas, converted vide the Official Memorandum dated 20.05.2009 bearing No.ALN(E)(B)SR.60/2008-09 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District), situated at Channasandra Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, totally measuring 2 Acres 36.04 Guntas and bounded on: East by : Private property belonging to Rajendra and others and the portion of land in the same , Survey Number.West by : Land in Sy No.138, North by :Whitefield-ChikkaTirupathi Road , South by : Government Gomala Land
SCHEDULE C PROPERTY : (Undivided share sold to the purchaser): An undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule Property measuring to an extent of 510 Sq.feet proportionate to the Scheduel D Apartment.
SCHEDULE D PROPERTY : (Description of the apartment property constructed and sold): A Three BHK Apartment bearing Flat No.211, on the First Floor in Block/Wing – 2 in the residential complex known as **"DSR SUNRISE TOWERS",** constructed on the Schedule Property, having a super built up area of 1795 Sq.feet (which is inclusive of the common walls between the apartments and proportionate share in the common areas) with One covered car parking space in the basement floor, standing in the name of Sri.Santhosh C Samuel S/o Sri.Samuel C Chacko.
TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION: RCC Roofing, Vitrified/ Ceramic flooring, Honne wood doors and Aluminium glazes windows.

Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
State Bank of India,
Retail Assets Central Processing Centre,
Yelahanka, Bengaluru

Place : Bangalore
Date: 17.04.2025

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Can Fin Homes Ltd

Bidadi Branch

Sri.Annapoorneshwari Complex,
Above Canara Bank,B.G.S. Road,
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Mob: 7625079189
e-mail Id: bidadi@canfinhomes.com
CIN No. L85110KA1987PLC008699

APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to rule 9(1)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Bidadi Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **12-05-2025** for recovery of **Rs.50,09,260.00** (Rupees Fifty lakh Nine thousand Two Hundred Sixty only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. From **Mr.Parmesh H and Mrs.D T Jayalakshmi** (barrowers) **Mr.Karibasappa.S** (Guarantors),as on 21-04-2025 together with further interest and other charges thereon.
The reserve price will be **Rs.53,00,000.00** (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.5,30,000.00** (Rupees Five lakh Thirty Thousand only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All that part and parcel of residential property southern portion site no 239 sy no.52 BBMP Ward no.127 katha no.1430 situated at Panchasheela Nagara,Malagalu Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore, Measuring east to west 40ft and north to south 15ft with total area measuring 600 sq ft and same is bounded on East by Road , West by site no .238, North by Remaining portion of Same site no.239, and South by site no.240.
Encumbrances : NIL

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx). Link for participating in e-auction : www.bankeauctionwizard.com

Date: 21.04.2025
Place : Bidadi
Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

(FORMERLY KNOWN AS EQUITAS FINANCE LTD)
Registered Office : No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002.

DEMAND NOTICE - NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given that the following borrower/s have availed loan from **Equitas Housing Finance Limited (EHFL) / Equitas Finance Limited (EFL) / Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESFB)**. The said borrower/s had/have failed to pay Installments and their loan account has been classified as **Non-Performing Asset** as per the guidelines issued by RBI. The details of the secured immovable propert/ties, loan and the amounts outstanding as on date payable by the borrower/s are mentioned below. The borrower(s) and the public in general are informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrower(s) under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and not to deal with the said property. on failure to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names **within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice,** the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property/ies and sell the same

SR NO	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)(NAME OF THE BRANCH)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
1	BRANCH - Peenya Loan No - SEPEEYA0202996 BORROWER - SHABBIR Co-Borrower - MAKBUL JHAN	03-04-2025 & 13,36,994	All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Survey No. 198 measuring 1 1/4 Guntas situated at Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural and bounded on : North by: Own Property, South by: Basavraj's property, East by: 12 feet Road, West by: Munikempanna's Property. Measurement: 1 1/4 Gunta or 1200 Sq. ft., Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Devanahalli and Registration District of Bangalore Rural.

Date - 22.04.2025, Place - Bangalore **Authorized officer, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd**

Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

(FORMERLY KNOWN AS EQUITAS FINANCE LTD)
Registered Office : No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002.

POSSESSION NOTICE (U/s. Rule 8 (1) - for immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of M/s. Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with [Rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the below mentioned Borrowers to repay the total outstanding amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. Since the below mentioned Borrowers having failed to repay the below stated amount within the stipulated time, notice is hereby given to the below mentioned borrowers and the public in general that, the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the schedule mentioned properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of M/s. Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited and further interest and other charges thereon." The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub – section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets."

SR NO	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Possession taken date
1.	Branch : CHANNAPATNA L. No.: SECNPTN0278004 Borrower : MR. NANDEESHA TM Co-Borrower : MRS. VEDAVATHI R, MRS. SOWBHAGYAMMA	All that peace and parcel of the Immoveable schedule property No 152900102901020585 katha no 459/289/3/A situated at Thagachagere Village, Thagachagere Grama Panchayth, Channaptana Taluk, Ramanagar District. Measuring East to West 6.096mtr (20 feet) North to South17.3736mtr (57 feet) Total extent 105.90 Sq.mtr(1140 Sq.ft) and house built area of 54.34sqmtr exists. North by: Road, South by: Road and House of Shivalingegowda, East by: House of Sakamma C/o Ramu, West by: House of Nagaraju. Measurement: Measuring East to West 6.096mtr (20 feet) North to South 17.3736mtr (57 feet) Total extent 105.90 Sq.mtr(1140 Sq.ft) and house built area of 54.34sqmtr exists. Situated within the Sub-Registration District of Channapatan and Registration District of Ramanagar.	18-11-2024 & 5,02,829	19-Apr-25

Date - 22.04.2025, Place - Ramanagar **Authorized officer , Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd**

Government of Karnataka
Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION BIDAR

No EE/MI&GWD/BDR/TS-1/Tender/2025-26/ 736 Date:15-04-2025

KPP -PROCUREMENT TENDER DETAILS

1) Name of Works: As mentioned in KPP-Portal. 2) Estimate cost of Work: As mentioned in KPP -Portal. 3) Eligibility of Contractor: As mentioned in KPP -Portal, 4) Amount put to tender: As mentioned in KPP -Portal, 5) Cost of tender form & Details of EMD: As mentioned in KPP -Portal, 6) Last date & time for tender queries/ clarifications KW-4 Only: 02-05-2025 Up to 17-00 Hours, 7) Pre-Bid meeting Place, date & time KW-4 Only: Office of the, Ex.Engr. MI & GWD Divn. Partapnagar, Naubad, Bidar on 22-04-2025 at 11:00 AM, 8) Last Date & Time for receipt of KW-4 Only: 06-05-2025 Up to 16.00 Hours, 9) Date & time for opening Technical bid KW-4 Only: 08-05-2025 @ 11.00 Hours if possible, 10) Date & time for opening financial bid KW-4 Only:12-05-2025 @ 11.00 Hours if possible, 11) For any clarification and details, office to be contacted: Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Division Bidar Phone/ Fax : 08482 232080 , 12) Website details:KPP portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/Bidar/20/KSMC&A/2025-26
Sd/- Executive Engineer
MI & GWD Division, Bidar

SHIVAMOGGA, DAVANAGERE AND CHITRADURGA DIST CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCER'S SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,

Machenahalli, Nidige Post, Shivamogga – 577 222

IFT:No:SDCMUL/PUR/E.Proc/Tender-281E/288/2025-26 **Date: 16.04.2025**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Through GOK E-Procurement Portal only - Logon to: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Shivamogga, Davanagere and Chitradurga Dist Co-Operative Milk Producer's Societies Union Ltd., invites in two tender document system i.e. technical and commercial system from the manufactures or from interested eligible bidders for supply of following materials.

S.N	Particulars	Qty	EMD in ₹
1	Supply & Installation of 1 KL capacity Ghee Boiler on buy back system to Shivamogga Dairy	01 Nos	25,000/-
2	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 60 MT capacity weigh bridge including civil work to Chitradurga Chilling Centre	01 Unit	50,000/-
3	Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 5 KL Capacity Bulk Milk Cooler Unit with Standard accessories along with hot water system by heat recovery unit with DG set and on buy back of existing old 3 KL capacity BMC unit and old Servo stabilizer at specified places of Shivamogga, Davanagere & Chitradurga District area.	05 Nos	2,00,000/-
4	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Nitrogen Gas Cylinder on outright basis along with food grade certificate (Cylinder returnable basis) 7 cubic meter per cylinder to Shivamogga Dairy.	480 Nos	17,400/-
5	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Carbon Dioxide Gas Cylinder on outright basis along with food grade certificate (Cylinder returnable basis) 31 KG per cylinder to Shivamogga Dairy.	120 Nos	6,200/-

1. Tender Documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement Portal of GOK from : 22.04.2025
2. Last date for uploading the filled Tender documents : on or before 08.05.2025 up to 16.00 Hours
3. Date of opening of Technical Tender : 09.05.2025 at 17.00 Hours
4. Date of opening of Financial Tender : 12.05.2025 at 17.00 Hours

The bidder may download the tender documents with the Technical Specification & Terms & conditions of the tender by paying e-portal fees.
The details regarding participation for this tender can be obtained by login to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
Any additional information regarding tender may be obtained from **Deputy Manager (Purchase) during office hours, e-mail id : dmpur.shimul@gmail.com contact nos: 08182-246161 Mob: 7760971951.**

Sd/- Managing Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the attention of the general public that our client Ravikumar R., s/o. M. Renukaiah, aged about 40 years, residing at no. 18, Appaji Kanasu, 2nd Cross, 1st Main Road, Srinidhi Layout, Phase 2, KSRTC layout, Herohalli, Vishwaneedam Post, Bangalore - 560091 is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner viz., K. G. Lakshmi W/o. A. R. Ravi, aged about 55 years residing at No. 796, 4th Main Road, Rajajinagar, 2nd Stage, 'A' Block, Bangalore-560010 and if any person has any objections, claim, interest, dispute for the intended sale, he/she may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof his/her objections/claims of dispute/s within Ten (10) days from the date of this publication, failing which, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction and it would be deemed that there are no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims / objections / disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the vacant site bearing no. 67, Kaneshumari No. 1711, PID No. 594359584 9, BBMP Ward No. 72, in Sy.No. 162/2 measuring 2 Acres 30 Guntas vide., residentially converted vide., order no. BDIS.ALN.SR. (N).192/1991-92 dated 26/08/1992 situated at Venkateshwara layout, Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 30 ft. and North to South 40 ft., total measuring 1200 sq. ft. bounded on: East By : Site No. 66, West By : Site No. 68, North By : Site No. 72, South By : Road

Muchandi & Co., Advocates,
G-1, Tasker Park Apts., #10, Park Road, Tasker Town, Near Indian Express, Bangalore-560051.
P: 080-41713335 I M: 9883345555
E: info@muchandi.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

(LOSS OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS)

This is inform to the general public that, my client **G. Anil Kumar,** S/o V Gurudev, residing at No.1, Dadda Hagade, Byagadadenahalli Post, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District-562106, has purchased the property in bearing Site No.231, Katha No.42, New Katha No.40-41-42/231, situated at Channakeshavanagar, Singasandra Dhakale, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban, presently the property comes to under the limits of BBMP and bounded on **East by:** 20 feet road, **North by:** Weavers House, **West by:** Weavers House, **South by:** Basapura Poojari house, through register sale deed dated: 11-12-2007, vide document No.5137/2007-08, Book No.1, stored in CD No.BMHD337, in the office of the Sub- Registrar Bommanahalli, my client has lost the aforesaid original Sale deed while taking of Xerox at Anekal court. In spite of my cleint's best efforts he could not trace out the said Sale deed. Thereafter my client lodged police complaint on 19-04-2025, Lost report No. 1570872/2025, Bengaluru City Police.

Anybody found this document or in possession of the said document may be returned to the above address. If any objection may lodged in writing within **7 days** from the date of this public notice to my address.

H.V. SURENDRANATH, Advocate
No.211, 2nd Floor, Amar Tower,
Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560 009.
Mob: 9164826999. Date: 21-04-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client Dr.Prashanth Jana, at Vaidyar's Ayurveda Hospital, Darbe Puttur-574202, Karnataka has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 15.02.1973 executed by Krishnappa in favour of B.Yashodhara Venkatesh registered as Document No.4765/72-73, Book1, Vol 2861, pages 22-23 in the office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk in respect of Site No.6, measuring East to West 80 Feet, North to South 50 Feet, totally measuring 4000 Sq.Feet, carved out of converted Sy.No.76/1, situated at Nagashettihalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk now within BBMP, Ward No.18, Radhakrishna Temple, bearing EPID No.4850509859. A police complaint dated 21.04.2025 bearing Lost Report No.1572508/2025 is lodged in this regard. If any person finds the same may kindly be delivered to the undersigned or to my client. Any person un-authorisly holding the same and dealing with the same in respect of the above property in any manner, the same will not be binding on my client. In this behalf if any person having any Objections or claims can lodge the same with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within seven days of this Notice. Later on the same will not be entertained and my client proceeds to deal with said property as he like.

Narayana Bhat K, B.Com., LLM
Advocate, No.101, First Floor, "The Presidency",
Bangalore Old No. 1, New No.82, St. Mark's Road,
22.04.2025 Bangalore-01, E-mail : narayanabhatk@yahoo.com

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD

DEMAND NOTICE

ANNEXURE I

To

1. Mrs.Lalitha, W/o. Anantha Kumar
Address : Site No.95,Sri Annapoorneswari Residential Layout, Tigalarapalya-Karivobanalli Main Road, Karivobanahalli, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengalaore - 560058.
Alternative Address : No.32/4, 3rd Cross, Rajagopal Nagar, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560058.

2. Mr.Anantha Kumar, S/o Kalashanaiah
Address : Site No.95,Sri Annapoorneswari Residential Layout, Tigalarapalya - Karivobanalli Main Road, Karivobanahalli,Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengalaore - 560058.
Alternative Address : No.32/4,3rd Cross, Rajagopal Nagar, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560058.

3. Mr.Dodde Gowda HS S/o Honnegowda
Address : No.90,17th Cross,Vinayaka Layout, Andrahalli Main Road, Bangalore-560091.

Sir/Madam,

Sub : **Your Home Loan account - 6420381041 with Indian Bank Zuzuwadi branch.**

The 1st and 2nd of you are the Borrowers. The 3rd of you are the guarantors to the loan accounts availed by the 1st and 2nd of you. The 1st of you is the mortgagor(s) having offered their assets as security to the loan accounts availed by the 1st and 2nd of you.

At the request of the first & second of you, in the course of banking business, the following facilities were sanctioned and were availed by first & Second of you.

No	Nature of facility	Account No	Limit (Rs. in lakhs)
1	IBHL	6420381041	20.00

You have executed the following documents for each of the said facilities:

Nature of Facilities IB HOME LOAN 6420381041	Nature of Documents 1. DPN (D-2) dated 22.03.2016 2. Term Loan Agreement for Home Loan (D-128) dated 22.03.2016 3. Letter from party to Bank Confirming creation of Equitable Mortgage D 32 dated 22.03.2016 4. Agreement of Guarantee (D57) dated 22.03.2016

The repayment of the aforesaid loans are personally guaranteed by No.3 of you by executing an agreement of guarantee as mentioned above. The repayment of the said loans are secured by mortgage of property as described in the schedule hereunder.
Despite repeated requests calling upon you to pay the amounts together with interest, all of you and each of you who are jointly and severally liable have failed and committed default in repaying the amount due. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset since 10.04.2025

No	Nature of facility	Account No	NPA Date
1	IB HOME LOAN	6420381041	10.04.2025

in accordance with the directions/guidelines relating to asset classifications issued by Reserve bank of India.
The outstanding dues payable by you as on 14.04.2025 amounts to **Rs.21,82,901/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred one only)** and the said amount carries further interest at the agreed rate from 15.04.2025 to till date of repayment.
The term borrower under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 means any person who has been granted financial assistance by Bank or who has given any guarantee or created any mortgage / created charge as security for the said financial assistance granted by the Bank.
Therefore, all of you and each of you are hereby called upon to pay the amount due as on date viz- s. **Rs.21,82,901/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred one only)** together with interest from 15.04.2025 to till date of payment within 60 days from the date of this notice issued under Sec.13 (2) failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest without any further reference to you under the said Act. If you fail to discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall be exercising its enforcement rights under Sec 13 (4) of the Act as against the secured assets given in the schedule hereunder.
On the expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice and on your failure to comply with the demand, Bank shall take necessary steps to take possession for exercising its rights under the Act.
Please note that as per the provisions of Sec. 13 (13) of the Act no transfer of the secured assets (given in the schedule hereunder) by way of sale, lease or otherwise, shall be made after the date of this notice without the prior written consent of the bank.
We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities.
Needless to mention that this Notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank. Please note that the Bank reserves its right to call upon you to repay the liabilities that may arise under the outstanding bills discounted, Bank guarantees and letters of credit issued and established on your behalf as well as other contingent liabilities.
The Undersigned is a duly Authorized Officer of the Bank to issue this Notice and exercise powers under Section 13 aforesaid.

SCHEDULE

The specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are enumerated hereunder:

Mortgaged assets	All that piece and parcel of immovable property No.95, Assessment No.105/5, presently comes under BBMP Ward No.40, Karivobanahalli Village, Yeshwantpur Hobli, Bangalore North, Bangalore measuring 50*30 sq.ft. and bounded on East by : Road, West by : Site No.12, North by : Site No.96,South by : Site No.94. (1500 sft residential site along with existing RCC roofed residential building)

Chief Manager/Authorised Officer
Indian Bank, Zuzuwadi Branch

GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION VISAKHAPATNAM

Tender Notice No: 01/2025-26/CE(GVMC)/SE(Elec)/EE (Elec)/ Dt:21.04.2025

01. No.of Works : 1 (One)
02. Value of works (ECV) : Rs.270.00 Lakhs
03. Down loading Starting Date : 21-04-2025 5.00 PM
04. Down loading End Date : 08-05-2025 @ 4.00 PM
05. Last date for Submission of bid : 08-05-2025 @ 4.30 PM

Further details at http://www.apeprocurement.gov.in
O/o the Executive Engineer (Electrical) Division

Sd/- Commissioner, GVMC, Visakhapatnam

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identification Number (CIN) : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
(Contact No. 96461-18774)

Tender Enquiry No. MQP-247/2025-26/PR | **Dated: 21.04.2025**

CE/Metering, PSPCL, C-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for Procurement of 2,800 no. cubicle (SMC Box) for housing LT AC three phase four wire, CT operated energy meter and 3 no. epoxy resin cast ring type CTs.. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **21.04.2025** (03:00 PM onwards).

NOTE: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

389/C-298/25-4/21/2025
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PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number UP0109PB2010SGC033813 Website : www.pspcl.in
(Contact No. 96461-01116)

Tender Enquiry No. 01/BTI/GC/TS/PSPCL/2025-26 | **Dated: 22.04.2025**

Sr. XEN/Grid Construction, 312, Thermal Colony Bathinda invites open e-Tender for outsourcing work of erection, testing and commissioning of bay & Control room equipment (matching work) related to augmentation of Power Transformers on partial turnkey mode under RDSS scheme under Grid Construction Circle, Ludhiana. For detailed NIT & Tender Specifications please refer to **http://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **22.04.2025** (01:00 PM onwards).

Note: - Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at **http://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

387/C-296/25-4/21/2025
76155/12/4164/2023/43708

CIAL COCHIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED

CIAL/CIVIL/672 — 22/04/2025

TENDER NOTICE

Item rate e-tenders are invited from experienced civil contractors for the work detailed as below at Cochin International Airport.

Name of Work	Estimated Amount (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Period of Completion
Development of Vehicle Parking Facility near Import Cargo Building	315.30 Lakhs	6,00,000/-	6 months

For more details visit our website **www.cial.aero**

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka (Constituted by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India) has accorded the Environmental Clearance for the Proposed Mixed Use Development at Sy. No. 12/1 & (OLD SY. NO. 13) NEW SY. NOS. 127/1, 127/2, 127/4, 127/5 of Navarathna Agrahara Village, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban by M/s. Bhartiya Urban Private Limited, Bengaluru Vide No. SEIAA 58 CON 2024 Dated. 07.12.2024 and Corrigendum to Environmental clearance No. SEIAA 58 CON 2024 Dated. 16.04.2025

The copy of the Environmental Clearance is available on the web-site of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Environmental Department **http://parivesh.nic.in.**

Date: 17.04.2025 Place: Bengaluru

THE MALNAD ARECA MARKETING CO-OP. SOCIETY LTD.,

A.P.M.C.Yard, Sagar Road, Shimoga-577 204 (KARNATAKA)
Ph.08182-250513, 250514, E-mail: ho@mamcos.info
website:www.mamcos.info

Sl.No. 128 /2025-26 — Date: 21/04/2025

INVITING TENDER APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPLY OF SPRAY CHEMICALS

Sealed Tenders are invited from **Manufacturers /qualified supplier** for Supply of following materials

1	**Copper Sulphate**	Metric Ton
	a) Copper Sulphate (Crystals)	85 MT
	b) Copper Sulphate (Powder)	125 MT
2	**Rosin paste**	50 MT
3	**Spray Lime** (10KG PACKING)	200 MT
4	**Hydreated lime** (1KG PAKCING)	50 MT

The last date for submitting quotation shall be on or before 03/05/2025, for more information kindly visit **www.mamcos.info**

Date: 21/04/2025 Place: Shivamogga — **Sd/- Managing director**

UNION BANK OF INDIA

Kithiganur Branch, No 12 Kithiganur K R Puram Post, No 12, Kithiganur village, KR Puram Post, Bangalore -560036, Mob 9704544701, E mail id: UBIN0828416@unionbankofindia.bank

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The under mentioned persons are hereby informed that they have failed to pay off the liability in the loan accounts. Notices sent to them by Registered Post have been returned undelivered, to the Bank. They are therefore requested to pay off the liability and other charges and redeem the pledged securities on or before **24.04.2025** failing which the said securities will be sold by the Bank in public auction at the cost of the borrower at the Bank's premises at **11.00 A.M.** on **25.04.2025** or on any other convenient date thereafter without further notice, at the absolute discretion of the Bank.

Date of Loan	Name and address of the borrower
05.06.2024, Loan Number 284116540001031	**Mr N Ram Kumar**, S/o Mr Narayanappa , Shop No 471/350/16 Opp Govt School, Kithiganur Village, KR Puram Post, Bangalore -560036
30.08.2024, Loan Number 284116540001331	
10.04.2024, Loan Number 284116540000872	
11.09.2024, Loan Number 284116630000790	

Place: Bangalore
Date : 21.04.2025 — OFFICER / MANAGER

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE WIRELESS

No.1, M. G. Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Phone: +91-80-22942324, Email: spwireless@ksp.gov.in

Tender No: KSP/2025-26/IND0295 — **Date: 19.04.2025**

Tender Notification (Through e-procurment Portal)

Additional Director General of Police, Communication, Logistics & Modernization, Bengaluru invited tender for Supply, Installation and Maintenance of IT Hardware, Telephonic Equipments, Video Wall and Access Control Equipment with accessories for National Cyber Crime Helpline-1930 through e-procurement portal. Estimated Bid value: **Rs. 72.67 Lakhs.** Pre-bid meeting on **23.04.2025 at 11.30 am.** The Last date and time for tender submission **03.05.2025 evening 5 pm.** Further details can be obtained by visiting e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** For more information, please contact the above office.

Sd/- Superintendent of Police, Wireless, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/295/2025-26

KARNATAKA STATE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.

Karnataka One State, Many worlds

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Corporate Office: Ground Floor, B.M.T.C- T.T.M.C Bus Stand, Yeshwanthpur Circle, Bengaluru-560 022.
Ph.: 080-43344334 Fax: 080-43344376 Website: **www.kstdc.co**
No: KSTDC/TPT/21/2024/2025-26 — Date: 21.04.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation Limited, Bengaluru invites tender from interested bidders for the following:

Tender No: **KSTDC/2025-26/SE0022. Description:** Supply of fuel (Diesel) through Mobile Fuel Tanker/Browser for all the Vehicles (4/6/8 Wheelers) of KSTDC. EMD: **Rs. 6,00,000/-.** Last Date & Time for Bid Submission: **15.05.2025 at 17.00 Hrs.**

The detailed tender documents are available in the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For any further clarifications contact: **+91 8023010900, +91 8023010901** e-Mail: **hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com**

Sd/- General Manager (Admin), Tender Inviting Authority, KSTDC.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that, our Client is intending to purchase the Schedule Property mentioned below from its Owners' Pradeep Jana, Dr.Prashanth Jana and Praveen Jana. It is represented by the Owners that their father B.J.Ganapathi had purchased the Schedule Property in terms of Sale Deed dated:24.09.1979, executed by B.Yashodhara, registered as Document No.1783/1979-80, Book-I,Volume-3141, Pages-204 to 206 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk and the same was inherited by them on demise of their father B.J.Ganapathi and mother Mamatha G. It is represented, that the original Sale Deed dated 15.02.1973 executed by Krishnappa in favour of B.Yashodhara registered as Document No.4765/72-73, Book1, Vol 2861, pages 22-23 in the office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk is not in the custody of the owners' and the same was misplaced. It is further represented by the Owners that they have clear, valid and marketable title to the Schedule Property and it is free from all encumbrances.

If any person/s who claim/s any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the said Schedule Property and/or any objections of any nature to the transaction should lodge such claims and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within Seven days hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and our Client would proceed to complete the transaction with aforesaid Owners subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Site No.6, measuring East to West 80 Feet, North to South 50 Feet, totally measuring 4000 Sq.Feet, carved out of converted Sy.No.76/1, situated at Nagashettihalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk along with house constructed thereon now within BBMP, Ward No.18, Radhakrishna Temple, Municipal No.6, PID No.100-317-6, and presently EPID No.4850509859 the property is bounded on : East By:Site No.15, West By: Road, North By: Site No.5, South By:Site No.7

ADINATH NARDE
Adinath Narde and Revathy Associates,
Advocates, No.101, First Floor, "The Presidency",
Old No. 1, New No.82, St. Mark's Road,
Bangalore-01, Email: adinathnarde@yahoo.co.in

Bangalore
22.04.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office : ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA).
A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Sharath Chandra Samarla/ M Radhabai/ Md 30 A Power House Basthi Kothagudem Bhadradri Kothagudem Khammam Khammam-507101/ LBBNG00006797366/ TBBNG00006697616	Schedule Property Item No. 1 All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property Bearing Vacant Site No.39, Carved out of Converted Sy. No.244, Originally Measuring 25 Guntas, Situated At Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Duly Converted By The order of The Deputy Commissioner Vide order Dated: 15-03-2012, order No. Bds/aln/(Sb)Sr 44/2011-12, Presently Within The Limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 192, Vide Katha No. 2612/686/244/39, Measuring East To West: 85+ 77/2 Feet And North To South: 71½+ 65/2 Feet, In All Measuring 5528.25 Square Feet, Including All Rights And Appurtenances Whatsoever Whether Underneath or Above The Surface And Bounded As Follows: East By: 30 Feet Road West By: Private Property. North By: Site No.39/1. South By: Site No.1/1. Item No. 2 All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property Bearing Vacant Site No.39/1, Carved out of Converted Sy. No.244, originally Measuring 25 Guntas, Situated At Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Duly Converted By The order of The Deputy Commissioner Vide order Dated: 15-03-2012, Order No. Bds/Aln/(Sb)Sr 44/2011-12, Presently Within The Limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 192, Vide Katha No. 2614/686/244/39/1, Measuring East To West: 79-0 [Seventy Nine] Feet And North To South: 16-0 [Sixteen] Feet, In All Measuring 1264 Square Feet, Including All Rights And Appurtenances Whatsoever Whether Underneath or Above The Surface And Bounded As Follows: East By : 30 Feet Road West By: Private Property. North By: Private Property. South By: Site No.39.	20.03.2025 Rs. 5,73,29,329.12/-	08/02/ 2025

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: April 22, 2025
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely, Authorised Signatory
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Office of the Executive Engineer,
C.V. Ramannagara Division, 8th Cross, 12th 'A' Cross, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagara, Bengaluru-38.

No.EE/CVR/KPPP/03/2025-26 — Date: 17.04.2025

Short Term Tender Notification
(Single Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal Only)
website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

The Executive Engineer, C.V. Ramannagara Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites item rate tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Govt. Organisations for the work mentioned below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1.	Demolision of illegal structures/building property No.18, Lake Road, 3rd Cross, Byarasandra, CV Raman Nagara Post, Bengaluru in Ward No.112, New Thippasandra, **Approx. value of work (₹ in Lakhs) : 2,00,000/-. EMD (in ₹) according to Govt. order: 5,000/-.**

Calendar of Events: (1) Last Date for uploading the Filled proposals **25.04.2025 upto 4:00 p.m. (2)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid on **27.04.2025 at 4:30 p.m.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, C.V. Ramannagara Division, BBMP.

ಬೃಹತ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ

ಮುಖ್ಯ ಆಯುಕ್ತರ ಕಚೇರಿ, ಅನೆಕ್ಸ್ ಕಟ್ಟಡ-1, ಎನ್.ಆರ್. ಸ್ಕ್ವೇರ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560002.

No: BBMP/C.Comm/PSR(G)/192 /2024-25 — **FORM – III (See Sub-rule (3) of rule-3)** — **Date: 21.04.2025**

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಪಟ್ಟಣ **ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯಿದೆ 1961ರ ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ 14–ಬಿ ಪ್ರದತ್ತವಾದ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಚಲಾಯಿಸುತ್ತ, ಬೃಹತ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ RMP–2015 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಹೂಡಿ ರೈಲು ನಿಲ್ದಾಣದಿಂದ ಸಾದರಮಂಗಲ ಮೂಲಕ ಕುಂಬೇನ ಅಗ್ರಹಾರಕ್ಕೆ ರಸ್ತೆ** ರಚನೆಗಾಗಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ಬೃಹತ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಇವರಿಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾದ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳ ಅವಶ್ಯಕವಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಜಮೀನು ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ಮಾಲೀಕರು ನ್ಯಾಯೋಚಿತ ಪರಿಹಾರ ಮತ್ತು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ, ಪುನರ್ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ರೀಸೆಟಲ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಕಾಯಿದೆ 2013ರಂತೆ ವಿತ್ತೀಯ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಬದಲಾಗಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳನ್ನು ಮೌಲ್ಯವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವು ಭೂಮಿಯನ್ನು ನೀಡಿದ, ಒಪ್ಪಿಸಿದ ದುಪ್ಪಟ್ಟು ಮತ್ತು ನೀಡಿದ/ ಒಪ್ಪಿಸಿದ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಎರಡರಷ್ಟು ಹಾಗೂ ನೀಡಿದ/ಒಪ್ಪಿಸಿದ ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೌಲ್ಯವನ್ನು (ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಮಾನದಂಡಗಳಂತೆ) ಭೂಮಿಯ ಪೈಕಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿರುವ ಭಾಗದ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಮೌಲ್ಯದಂತೆ ವಿಂಗಡಿಸಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಈ ನಿಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಅವಶ್ಯಕವಿರುವ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮಾಲೀಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ಆಸಕ್ತ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ವಿತ್ತೀಯ ಪರಿಹಾರ: ಬದಲಿಗೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು (ಡಿಆರ್‌ಸಿಗಳು) ವಿತರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು, ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸಲಹೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಉಪ ಆಯುಕ್ತರವರ ಕಚೇರಿ, (ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಮತ್ತು ಟಿಡಿಆರ್), ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಚೇರಿ, ಬ್ಯ.ಬೆಂ.ಮ.ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಇವರನ್ನು ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 30 ದಿನಗಳೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಡಿಆರ್‌ಸಿ ನೀಡಬೇಕಾದ ಭೂಮಿ / ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ಪ್ರದೇಶ ಮತ್ತು ಭೂ ಮಾಲೀಕರ ಪಟ್ಟಿ.

ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಹೆಸರು : **ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ** ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಹೆಸರು : **ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಪೂರ್ವ** ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಹೆಸರು : **ಕುಂಬೇನ ಅಗ್ರಹಾರ**

Sy. No / Khatha no.	Type of land: Vacant	Type of land: Built up	Nature of Land: Agriculture / Converted / Undeveloped / Approved layout / developed land / Building Site	Dimension of the land / plot and extent in Sq.m: Dimension Extent	Boundaries of the land / plot: East	West	North	South	Building details: Extent in Sq.m	Type of Construction and No. of floors	Floor Area Ratio	Present activity on land/ Building (Specify Specific activity such as shop, office, factory, apartment, Individual house etc.,	Market (guideline s) value of the land per Sq.m	Name and address of the owner of the plot/ land for which DRC is to be issued
Sy No.37/5, Khatha Sl No.1661	Vacant land		Converted Land	556.44	Sy No.37/6	Sy No.37/1	Sy No.37/4	Railway Property	None	None	None	Vacant	34,000/-	Kumari.Rakshitha K.R D/o Ramanjaneya , Residing at #69, Sriramasamartha, Kumbena Agrahara, Kadugodi Plantation, Bangalore-560067.

Note: Market guideline value of this property is considered subject to conditions of payment of fee as per Government Order No:ನಅಇ 137 ಎಂಎನ್‌ಯು 2024 (E), ದಿನಾಂಕ:09.09.2024 and as per the Circular No:ಆಯುಕ್ತರು/ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಆರ್/ಜಿ/1802/2024-25, ದಿನಾಂಕ:21.09.2024.

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Technical and Financial Tender notice for Sand Mining, Collection and Sale under Karnataka Sand Policy and Sand policy Amendment Rules (Through e-procurement)

The Sand Blocks identified in the Bhima River Basin Kalaburagi District will be awarded for contract of Sand Mining, Collection and Sale subject to technical and financial e-tender through e-procurement and after completing all the work procedures. The Sand Mining collection, and Sale contract will be awarded for a period of 05 years from the date of issue of contract order (including the period during the rainy season and other Natural Calamities). Any Individuals/ Companies/ Firms registered in e-procurement portal can participate in the technical and financial e-tender process through e-procurement portal after checking and evaluating the quantity of Sand available in the following Sand Blocks, road systems and local problems. The details of the Sand Blocks are as follows.

Sl. No.	Block No.	District	Taluk	Village & Sy.No.	Extent (in Acres)	GPS Coordinates of the Block			Estimated Reserves in MT	Category of reservation
1	1	Kalaburagi	Afzalpur	Ghattaraga Sy.No. 62,63, 12 & 13(P)	12-20	A	N17⁰06'12.90"	E76⁰ 25'38.30"	171886 MT	SC
						B	N17⁰06'14.90"	E76⁰ 25'41.90"		
						C	N17⁰06'09.70"	E76⁰ 25'42.30"		
						D	N17⁰06'03.00"	E76⁰ 25'40.90"		
						E	N17⁰05'57.70"	E76⁰ 25'38.10"		
						F	N17⁰05'57.80"	E76⁰ 25'34.80"		
						G	N17⁰06'02.00"	E76⁰ 25'37.20"		
						H	N17⁰06'07.60"	E76⁰ 25'38.70"		
2	2	Kalaburagi	Afzalpur	Havalaga Sy.No.102, 105, 101, 106 (P)	17-00	A	N17⁰06'39.20"	E76⁰ 21'53.30"	226970 MT	Gen
						B	N17⁰06'37.40"	E76⁰ 21'50.90"		
						C	N17⁰06'27.00"	E76⁰ 22'01.90"		
						D	N17⁰06'22.40"	E76⁰ 22'11.60"		
						E	N17⁰06'24.90"	E76⁰ 22'13.10"		
						F	N17⁰06'29.70"	E76⁰ 22'03.20"		
3	3	Kalaburagi	Jewargi	Nelogi Sy.No.484/2, 514/1, 514/2, 516, 517(P)	13-03	A	N17⁰03'51.60"	E76⁰ 35'17.40"	173830 MT	ST
						B	N17⁰03'53.80"	E76⁰ 35'18.00"		
						C	N17⁰03'52.50"	E76⁰ 35'22.90"		
						D	N17⁰03'48.90"	E76⁰ 35'30.60"		
						E	N17⁰03'44.50"	E76⁰ 35'38.00"		
						F	N17⁰03'42.80"	E76⁰ 35'37.30"		
4	4	Kalaburagi	Jewargi	Madari Sy.No.178, 182(P)	12-25	A	N17⁰03'32.40"	E76⁰ 51'38.70"	154388 MT	Gen
						B	N17⁰03'33.40"	E76⁰ 51'40.00"		
						C	N17⁰03'38.70"	E76⁰ 51'37.00"		
						D	N17⁰03'47.10"	E76⁰ 51'30.40"		
						E	N17⁰03'51.40"	E76⁰ 51'24.10"		
						F	N17⁰03'53.60"	E76⁰ 51'18.60"		
						G	N17⁰03'54.00"	E76⁰ 51'17.70"		
						H	N17⁰03'52.60"	E76⁰ 51'17.00"		
						I	N17⁰03'52.30"	E76⁰ 51'17.70"		
						J	N17⁰03'50.20"	E76⁰ 51'22.50"		
						K	N17⁰03'45.90"	E76⁰ 51'28.50"		
						L	N17⁰03'37.80"	E76⁰ 51'35.60"		

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below-

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1	**1) G K Inc Represented by Prop: Smt Indira Basavaraju,** No 24/1/B, Ground Floor, 13th Cross, MTS Layout, Hoysala Circle, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru-560060. **2) Smt Indira Basavaraju** W/o Basavaraju, No 11, Parijatha Street, 5th Cross, Garden Villas, Nagarbhavi Main Road, Bengaluru-560072 (Borrower). **3) Sri Basavaraju** S/o Siddappa, No 11, Parijatha Street, 5th Cross, Garden Villas, Nagarbhavi Main Road, Bengaluru-560072 (Guarantor)	**Property No 1:** 1BHK Flat Bearing No A211 on the Second Floor having super built up area of 549 sq Ft., having RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, Flush Doors and Aluminium Windows and One Open Car Parking space in the Stilt Floor, the building known as **"ASHRAYA BUDGET APARTMENTS"**, Jigani Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District. **Property No 2:** 1BHK Flat Bearing No A213 on the Second Floor having super built up area of 600 sq Ft., having RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, Flush Doors and Aluminium Windows and One Open Car Parking space in the Stilt Floor, the building known as **"ASHRAYA BUDGET APARTMENTS"**, Jigani Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District.	**Rs 17,413,155.04 (Rupees One crore seventy four lakh thirteen thousand one hundred and fifty five and paise four Only) as on 20.04.2025 plus interest and other legal charges**	**22.05.2025 between 02.00 PM to 06.00 PM**	**Property No 1** Rs 16,39,800/- Rs 1,63,980/- Rs 25,000/- **Property No 2** Rs 17,92,800/- Rs 1,79,280/- Rs 25,000/-	**PHYSICAL POSSESSION**	**WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER**

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EDITORIAL

"The inter-dependent economy can be a solution for the region. Those who think about zero-sum games for our region must remember that it is not constructive

Mostafa Zahrani

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— Ramnath Goenka

DOPING EXPOSÉS PUT EVENT BIDS, INDIAN ATHLETICS IN JEOPARDY

WHILE India has started the bidding process for two major events—the 2030 Commonwealth Games and the 2036 Olympics—the string of doping cases recently unearthed in athletics can dampen the chances of clinching the hosting rights. From a bunch of minors testing positive to leading the World Anti-Doping Agency's numbers, the doping saga could not be more embarrassing. It can hardly get worse for the Athletics Federation of India (AFI), with two shocking news pieces in a week. One athlete has tested positive for a banned substance during an exposure trip abroad—at tests conducted by the US anti-doping agency and had to be flown back. The next was the provisional suspension of a national coach who is also a Dronacharya awardee.

For the first time, the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) has provisionally suspended a junior chief national coach, Ramesh Nagpuri, for complicity, which is prohibited under NADA'S rule 2.9. Athletics is one of the most tainted sports in the country, with a coach already banned for four years for administering a prohibited substance to a minor athlete. The AFI announced last year that coaches of tainted athletes would be penalised, too. But it was NADA that imposed such a sanction. In the latest NADA list of those provisionally suspended, there are three coaches. One coach has been suspended for an even more serious violation—administration of a prohibited substance. Two of three are athletics coaches.

Both the Sports Authority and AFI must take these offences seriously. What should be a bigger concern is that one is a national coach for junior athletes, who may not know much about doping and its adverse consequences at such a young age. If a coach aids or abets doping, it is indeed a serious offence. All this indicates that the rot runs deep in India and the provisional suspensions could be the tip of an iceberg. NADA has been doing commendable job in testing top athletes from all disciplines and acting as a deterrent. As for the AFI, it must act fast as its reputation is at stake. Its new policy of decentralising national camps, too, has come under the scanner. The federation must swiftly come out from this mess.

HEED ST PANEL'S RECO ON RETURNING TRIBAL LAND

A new railway line laid by the SAIL-run Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) has run into resistance from tribal communities in Odisha and opened old wounds. The government-run steel-maker shares a strained relationship with the region's tribal communities and land has always been the trigger. In this case, murmurs of unrest started about two months ago when the communities got wind of the railway project. On Saturday, a protest that erupted when project work began on the outskirts of Rourkela ended in bloodshed. A 37-year-old agitator came under an earthmover and died, fuelling a conflict that left two dozen policemen and administrative officials hurt. Although SAIL claims the project land as its own, the agitators were in no mood to allow it.

There is a history of distrust between RSP and the tribal inhabitants whose land was used for the plant way back in 1959. The acquisition of 32,128 acres for the plant and a dam left over 4,000 families dispossessed. A 2019 report by the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) exposed the historical injustice meted out for India's first public sector steel plant. The inhabitants were rehabilitated outside Rourkela, but given agricultural land 100-150 km away, leaving them at the mercy of daily wage work. There were several instances of them not getting the new land records, or them being recorded in others' names. RSP was supposed to compensate with jobs, but the NCST found it did not have systematic records to show it. Rather, people from other states and those not displaced were found on the list. Poor living conditions, encroachment by others in their new areas, apathy from both the state government and RSP left them disenchanted. RSP also surrendered 4,500 acres of unused land to the state. The NCST took a strong view of the fact that, instead of returning it to the original owners, the administration was selling it to individuals and companies at a premium. Saturday's conflict was all about the communities' demand for the restoration of the land.

RSP aims to hit a capacity of 9 million tonnes by 2030. But the people on whose land it's built face an inhuman plight. The irony is it's happening on Union Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram's home turf. The least the state and central governments can do is pay heed to their own ST panel's recommendation.

QUICK TAKE

PROTECTING PADDY

NEW research claiming that rice can become toxic with climate change should alarm the common man as much as the policy maker. Inorganic arsenic can leach from the soil into the grain that's a daily staple for more than half the world's population. But Chinese researchers, who grew 28 strains at four locations over 10 years and published their findings in *Lancet Planetary Health*, have shown it can reach a worrying proportion as temperatures and carbon dioxide levels rise. The Indian Institute of Rice Research, which claims to host the world's largest research network on the subject, should direct their energies towards protecting India's largest crop in light of this finding.

Despite their sharp rhetoric, Trump and Netanyahu realise that a third war in the region isn't in anyone's interest. A strike on Iran's N-facilities would be counterproductive

WHY TRUMP'S BEST CARD AGAINST IRAN IS DIPLOMACY, NOT WAR

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CONSIDERING Donald Trump's hostility and the universal aversion of the US towards Iran, one could have expected that military action against Iran's suspected nuclear facilities at Natanz, Fordow, Parchin and elsewhere would be one of the early priorities of Trump 2.0. That belief is not without reason. Israel probably has a well-rehearsed plan to take some of the facilities out, although, without US assistance, that may not be entirely possible.

The strategic environment in West Asia has swung dramatically in Israel's favour after the targeting of the Hamas and Hezbollah leadership and downfall of the Assad regime. Iranian proxies are at their weakest, except perhaps the Houthis in Yemen, who are under attack by the US, with Operation Rough Rider having commenced on March 15.

The spectre of Iran's nuclear programme has loomed large for almost three decades. Recent tensions have reignited the debate over whether the US should launch a strike on the nuclear facilities. But a very different strategic setting has welcomed Trump in 2025 than the one he left in 2020. There are two wars being waged over fairly elongated periods in Ukraine and Gaza, both indecisive in their final strategic impact.

The anathema that existed between Iran and the Saudis has diluted to some extent, thanks to some clever diplomacy by the Chinese and the reform-oriented approach of Prince Mohammed bin Salman. The Saudi army chief has just visited Iran after many years and a rapprochement could well be underway.

Internally, the ayatollahs haven't been this weak ever. Public support for Iran's clerical establishment has been waning, influenced by economic hardships, perceived government corruption and social restrictions. While the regime maintains control through security apparatuses and suppression of dissent, the underlying societal tensions persist, posing risks to long-term stability. The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' entrenchment in political structures has led some analysts to describe Iran as a 'garrison state', where military entities wield substantial power over civilian affairs.

The Iranian rial has lost over 90 percent of its value since the US withdrew from the nuclear deal in 2018. Inflation is persistently high. Iran is outside the international financial system that supports credit cards, making even tourism extremely difficult. Its oil exports have dropped from 2.5 million barrels a day to under 1 million at times due to sanctions. As energy accounts for a majority of government revenues, this has led to budget deficits and social service cuts. A weak private sector and foreign disinvestment have led to chronic unemployment, especially among young graduates. Many Iranians have been pushed into poverty.

Given the latent internal turbulence, are US strategic planners veering towards perceiving an impending meltdown of Iran? It needs to be recalled that Iran has deepened economic and military ties with China and Russia, including long-term strategic agreements, to offset Western isolation. These have kept it from sinking deeper into the economic morass. Iran has also incentivised self-reliance and innovated on market mobility. To any pragmatic observer, the shift in the Iranian leadership's stance would appear evident. Yet, the situation is grey and not tilted towards the US taking one or the other action—war or diplomacy.

Negotiations on Iran's overall status—the sanctions, the nuclear plan and more—appear to be favoured, without sounding defeatist. That status would find favour in the US-Israel camp for many reasons. Despite their aggressive rhetoric and hardline postures, both Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu have enough reasons to prefer negotiations over direct military strikes on Iran's nuclear facilities. Among those is the fact that Iran's nuclear infrastructure is dispersed, hardened and, in some cases, underground (Fordow). Even a successful strike might only delay Iran's progress by a few years—not destroy the programme, although claims to the contrary exist among US-Israeli planners. Iran could rebuild, and possibly with greater secrecy and determination and, this time, with help from China and Russia.

Targeting Iran's nuclear infrastructure bears the risk of initiating a third inconclusive and extended war in a region where the strategic and economic impact would be almost unbearable for the world. Although none of the Arab/Gulf states have extended support about using their air space for a joint US-Israel aerial action against Iran, a strike could trigger retaliation, including unpredictable geopolitical alignments that would follow. Missile barrages into Israel would be guaranteed, however effective they might be. There could be attacks on the few US troops in Iraq and Syria, and strikes on the Saudi oil infrastructure or Red Sea shipping lanes, severely affecting international trade and movement of oil at a time the international economy is facing major challenges.

An attack could ignite a multi-front war that neither Israel nor the US wants right now. Trump's 2024 campaign focused on 'America First'. Avoiding entanglements abroad was the crux of his foreign policy formulation. He was extremely critical of his predecessor, Joe Biden, for having led the US into war-like commitments without adequate efforts to prevent them.

A war with Iran could tank markets, spike oil prices and undermine economic stability—a big issue for US voters. For Netanyahu, Israel is dealing with internal divisions and war fatigue. A war with Iran would stretch military resources and risk national morale.

The Atlantic Council, a US-based think tank, has written, "...to incentivise Iranian cooperation, the US should be prepared to ease some sanctions in return for a qualitative change in Iranian funding and arming of its proxies". Trump may find that a nuanced diplomatic approach could deliver much more than the bluster his administration brings.

The risks, costs and uncertainties of war make diplomatic engagement a more attractive first option. A pre-emptive strike without international backing would fracture the already-challenged NATO unity, increase China-Russia-Iran coordination and trigger a global backlash. Diplomacy could buy time, rally support to pressure Iran under the altered circumstances, and shift the onus to Iran to concede or de-escalate.

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WHAT'S MISSING IN LOAN ALGORITHMS

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LAST year, the rate of defaults on loans intermediated by financial technology platforms rose. But more recent numbers show some signs that the cycle of boom and bust in fintech lending may be nearing an end. I highlight how ignoring some basic economics exasperated this cycle and what lessons can be learned from it.

Let's first understand the broad structure of a typical fintech algorithm. It uses three types of data. The first is 'alternate data', types that a brick-and-mortar bank generally does not use—ranging from shopping details to the type of phone or operating system used. The second source is the banking and investment details of the borrower. Thanks to account aggregators, fintechs now have access to information such as savings account transactions, insurance and mutual fund investments, taxes, etc. These are data points that banks have access to, but may not be using optimally due to either technological or human resource constraints, or inertia. Finally, fintechs also use information about borrowers' past loan performance from the credit bureau, which all formal lenders use.

All these data points are fed into a machine-learning algorithm that's trained on past loan performance. In other words, the algorithm understands the relationship between all the input variables and past loan performance. Having understood the relationship, it can predict loan performance, given the input variables of new applications. These algorithms are tested out-of-sample (sample of loans not used for training) to ensure they are robust. Once the fintech platform is satisfied with the robustness, it is deployed for new applications. Applications above a threshold on the probability of default, as predicted by the algorithm, are approved.

Although the structure appears robust, it ignores some basic economic principles. Let us focus only on the issues relating to the variable on which the algorithms are trained—past loan performance. There are at least three issues here. First, we know well that loan officers have an incentive to evergreen loans, the practice of issuing additional loans to a borrower on the verge of default to avoid recognition of default. A recent paper, titled '*Zombie lending: Theoretical, International and Historical Perspectives*', by professors Viral Acharya, Matteo Crosignani, Tim Eisert and Sascha Steffen, published in the *Annual Review of Financial Economics*, clearly shows that evergreening of loans is prevalent all over the world. My paper, titled '*Identifying Evergreening: Evidence Using Loan Level Data*', published in the *Journal of Banking and Finance*, shows that loan officers in India routinely issue new loans to facilitate repayment of existing ones. One learning from this research is that it is tough to detect evergreening loan-by-loan using easily available data. The parties involved are likely to make every effort to hide it.

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A paper co-authored by former deputy RBI governor Viral Acharya shows evergreening of loans—issuing new ones when a borrower is on the verge of default—is a global phenomenon. By ignoring it, fintech algorithms underestimate the probability of default

How does evergreening impact fintech algorithms? The issue here is that the outcome variable that fintechs use, based on credit bureau data, is past loan performance. It does not distinguish between evergreened loans and others. The algorithm treats loan repayment by a good borrower and a zombie borrower who uses evergreening to repay as equals. However, we know from research that evergreened loans eventually tend to default. Thus, by ignoring evergreening, the algorithms tend to underestimate the probability of default.

A reader may ask if evergreened loans eventually default, would the machine learning algorithm trained on loan performance also learn about this practice eventually and separate evergreened and other loans? This is where the second limitation comes in. Most fintech algorithms I am aware of do not cover the full business cycle.

Evergreened loans eventually default at the end of a business cycle, when the regulator intervenes by conducting audits or when the bank's top management is replaced. Last year's regulatory intervention in the form of increased capital adequacy requirements is one such action. Here again, the choice of the sample period should be dictated by economics—a complete business cycle—rather than a mechanical number of years. Unfortunately, most algorithms are not trained using the full business cycle data and, therefore, cannot detect evergreening.

The third issue comes from the 'selective labels' problem. After being trained, fintech algorithms are used to decide applications of new-to-credit borrowers. Such borrowers may be systematically different than those having bank loans. The problem becomes acute if the loan officers who issued past loans used 'soft information'—a type that cannot be easily codified and communicated—during screening. Because this soft information is not an input into the machine learning algorithm, its predictions may not apply well to new-to-credit borrowers.

Fintechs will do well to take these basic insights from economics into account. Using the entire business cycle for training algorithms should be straightforward. Although detecting evergreening is hard, some algorithms are available in the academic literature to help detect such lending. The papers referred to can provide a good start.

To capture soft information, we are experimenting with training algorithms on what an experienced banker would have done. Finally, fintechs have to realise that research does not merely mean adding more data and obtaining higher explanatory power. There needs to be a more active attempt to understand the economics driving these algorithms.

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Smart diplomacy

Ref: *US V-P comes calling* (Apr 21). Narendra Modi's talks with J D Vance on reducing trade tariffs mark a smart move to strengthen bilateral ties. Unlike the US's strained relations with Canada, China and Europe (except Italy), India's cooperative stance supports a future-focused diplomacy.
T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

Switching colours

Ref: *Nitish switches sides for kursi: Kharge* (Apr 21). What Mallikarjun Kharge said about Nitish Kumar is correct. Nitish changes colours faster than a chameleon to remain in power. The only comparable example is of N Chandrababu Naidu. He too switches sides as a seasoned politician, without qualms. As irony would have it, both are now propping the NDA government at the Centre.
Govardhana Myneedu, Vijayawada

Civil obedience

Ref: *A civil servant must have a spine, but not a megaphone* (Apr 21). It's a good reminder for all civil servants going on personal and political paths while in service. If they feel their freedom of expression is being restricted at their job, they better quit and take an independent path. Many civil servants pursue their personal, political, religious and social interests for life.
Jayaprakash Reddy, Nalgonda

Two solutions

Ref: *7-member SIT to probe sexual assault of flight attendant* (Apr 18). To address the growing menace of rape, we need both moral and legal solutions. Teaching modesty, good values, self-control, and ensuring quick justice can help. Apart from having strict laws, modern countries also focus on sex education, counselling and online protection.
Mohammad Asad, email

IPL spotlight

Ref: *Behind Rasheed's rise, a tale of sweat and tears* (Apr 21). The story of struggles by Shaik Rasheed and his family shows the kind of hard work the young CSK opener has put in to come to this level, rubbing shoulders with big cricketers like M S Dhoni. It's yet another example of how the IPL brings to the fore many unknown cricketers.
R Sivakumar, Chennai

Hope flows

Ref: *Ganga, Brahmaputra basins hit 23-year low in snow persistence* (Apr 21). The report raises serious concerns as so many people depend on these rivers. However, the fact that in 2020 and 2022 the basins found a surplus is hope it may not be an ever-declining trend.
Jiki Panicker K, Chengannur

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The passing of His Holiness Pope Francis is a loss to the entire world... He stood for the truth, spoke out fearlessly against injustice and cared for poor and marginalised

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After the Mahaparinirvan of Baba Saheb, Congress not only refused to allow his cremation in Delhi but also did not provide any State plane to take his mortal remains to Mumbai

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In CM's home district Nalanda, when Sukhdev Thakur refused to work as barber in a Tilak ceremony, he was shot five times to his chest... NDA should tell if it is crime to be barber caste in Bihar

'Need for relook at K'taka caste survey'

Former CM says the report, if accepted in the current form, will lead to polarisation & create tension in society

AS the Karnataka government is in a dock over the Socio-Economic and Educational Survey Report, which is based on 2015 data, senior Congress leader and former Karnataka Chief Minister **M Veerappa Moily** tells **Preetha Nair** that the government should take a relook at the data and consult all political parties to reach a consensus. **Excerpts:**

The special Karnataka cabinet meeting on caste census has been deferred without any resolution. What is the reason?
There was no consensus in the meeting as there were divergent views. Some of the ministers openly said that the population of large caste groups — such as Lingayats and Vokkaligas — was found to be lesser than what had been previously extrapolated. When I released the report of the Chinnappa Reddy Commission during my tenure as chief minister in 1992, the population of Lingayats was much higher than the current report. How can the numbers go down after so many years? Ideally, It can only increase. It is not correct to say that the numbers of the community have decreased. That requires reassessment.

Many, including Congress leaders and the Opposition, say that the report is 'unscientific'. Do you support the argument?
I agree to it partially. The survey was conducted in 2015, and there is a need for a resurvey. We will get an accurate figure only through a fresh survey. Else, the people will dispute the numbers. The government cannot rush into a decision in a situation, which is suspected by many communities. Now CM Siddaramaiah has to take his cabinet ministers into confidence. The opposition and the community leaders should also be consulted. After arriving at a consensus, they can implement it or go for a more scientific update of the survey. According to Supreme Court judgments, caste census has to be reviewed every 10 years. Even the Chinnappa Reddy Commission adopted by my government also said that it should be reviewed every 10 years. More than 30 years have passed now.

Verbatim

Has the survey exposed the divisions in Congress?
It is not appropriate to say division in the party. The Congress has run the show before. We have implemented backward class reports in every state. We have to find a solution for the stable social equilibrium by implementing backward class reports. There has to be more political consensus not only among the Congressmen, but also the opposition should be taken into confidence.

Do you think that the report, if accepted, will have far-reaching implications?
The contradictions in the data will have to be answered by the government. It will polarise the society and is politically dangerous. The survey has shown that there is an increase in Muslim population to the extent of about 4% or 6% while many other most backward people are shown less. That's why there is a doubt that the survey was not done scientifically.

The caste census has been Rahul Gandhi's key plank during assembly and LS polls. Do you think it will be a setback for the party?
I am sure Rahul Gandhi will also oppose an unscientific report without proper data. The cabinet is considering how to give a more proper and feasible report. On the basis of that, the proportion of the reservation can be decided.

Is the cabinet considering that option?
Yes, it is considering such an option, because many of the ministers belong to the most backward, more backward and backward sections. All of them will definitely raise their voice. They will have to find some formula by which it should be acceptable to all the people.

Karnataka is now the second Congress-ruled state, after Telangana, to conduct a caste survey.
Telangana has conducted the survey in a scientific way. Karnataka must follow it.

There are whispers that Siddaramaiah is downplaying the numbers of influential castes.
Maybe. The people raise such doubts in the absence of proper caste report. I think that there is a need for removing these suspicions in concrete terms, by means of a scientific survey by the government. That is the need of the hour.

The CM, after the cabinet meeting, said that there were no differences among ministers on the report?
It is an arbitrary statement. Why did he postpone the meeting then? That report was submitted eight years ago. Why could he not implement the report till now?

It is also being pointed out that there is an increase in quota of 7% for communities such as Kurubas, which Siddaramaiah belongs to.
The Kuruba community is classified as a "more backward" category in the Chinnappa Reddy commission. The new survey report has classified it as "most backward". How can a "more backward" person become "most backward"?

It has been pointed out that lakhs of people have been left out in the survey.
Millions of people have been left out in the process, according to reports. How can we give social justice to those people who are deprived and vulnerable?

The survey recommends raising the OBC quota from 32% to 51%.
They have proposed this. However, I find it questionable. The right course of action can be a door to door review of the survey and to find out the actual figure.

EC compromised, says Rahul on Maha poll in US; BJP livid

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

LEADER of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi has alleged that the 'Election Commission is "compromised" and claimed that there is something very wrong with the electoral system, citing the surge in the number of voters in the Maharashtra election.

His comments, made at an event in the US, drew a strong reaction from the BJP which called him a "traitor". During his speech, Gandhi said that he had been raising the issue and asserted that "there is something wrong with the system". The Congress MP, who arrived in the US on Saturday, made the remarks at an event in Boston on Sunday.

He claimed that, in simple terms, more people voted in the Maharashtra assembly elections than the total number of adults in the state. "The EC gave us a voting figure for 5:30 pm, and between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm, 65 lakh people voted. This is physically impossible. For a voter to vote, it takes approximately three minutes, and if you do the math, it would mean that there were lines of voters till 2 am, but this did not happen," he said.

'POLL ROLL BUNGLING'
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"When we asked them for the videography, they not only refused but also changed the law so that now we are not allowed to ask for the videography,' Gandhi said. "It is very clear to us that the Election Commission is compromised, and it is very clear that there is something wrong with the system. I have said this multiple times," he asserted.

The BJP-Shiv Sena-NCP coalition Mahayuti had trounced the Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance of the Congress, NCP (SP) and Shiv Sena (UBT) in the Maharashtra polls in November last year. However, the BJP linked his criticism to the Enforcement Directorate's action in the National Herald case, alleging he had not only "insulted" the country's institutions on foreign soil but had also indulged in corruption, and said he and his mother will be "sent to jail" for "embezzlement".

Taking exception to Gandhi's remarks against the Election Commission, BJP MP and national spokesperson Sambit Patra accused the Congress leader of venting his ire over the Enforcement Directorate's action in the National Herald case on the Election Commission.

Alleged of intruding on House functions: SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

"AS it is, we are alleged of encroaching upon parliamentary and executive functions," a Supreme Court bench led by Justice B R Gavai said on Monday, in an apparent reference to recent adverse remarks on the function of judiciary.

Justice Gavai's observations came while hearing a plea over the incidents of violence in West Bengal over the Waqf (Amendment) Act, when a lawyer mentioned a plea seeking directions for deployment of paramilitary forces in Bengal in the light of the communal violence that broke out in Murshidabad district.

The top court will hear on Tuesday a plea seeking directions for deployment of paramilitary forces in Bengal.

However, the court on Monday, did not say anything on the listing and hearing on the plea mentioned by the lawyer Vishnu Shankar Jain, appearing for the petitioner – West Bengal resident Devdutta Majid – as the plea is slated to be heard by the court on Tuesday.

Jain, appearing for the petitioner, mentioned the matter before the two-judge bench of the apex court, headed by by Justice Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih seeking certain urgent directions in the case. The case is slated to come up for hearing on Tuesday.

After hearing the mentioning of Jain, Justice Gavai questioned him, "You want us to issue writ of mandamus to the President to impose this? As it is, we are facing allegations of encroaching into executive (domain)," and refused to list the matter urgently.

Jain mentioned before the top court on Monday that there was a need for immediate deployment of para military forces. "This matter is listed tomorrow. I have a filed an additional application seeking implemention of Article 355 of the constitution as well," Jain submitted.

The present plea sought constitution of a three-member committee headed by a retired Supreme Court judge to inquire into the alleged violence that transpired in Murshidabad over the Waqf Amendment Act.

The plea has also sought directions to the Central government to deploy paramilitary forces in West Bengal in the light of the violence that broke out in Murshidabad over the Waqf (Amendment) Act.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Petitioner chided for 'unfounded' claims
The court on Monday pulled up a petitioner for making "unsubstantiated" claims in a PIL seeking a court-monitored probe into the violence in West Bengal over the Waqf (Amendment) Act. The court noted gaps in the declarations in the plea and said they were without verification and did not mention the necessary parties.

SC to examine plea against Samay Raina
In what could spell fresh trouble for "India's Got Latent" host Samay Raina, the court on Monday said it would examine a plea accusing the comedian of ridicule of the disabled. Besides, the court said it would hear on April 28 a plea for the return of Ranveer Allahbadia's passport in the case over his distasteful remarks.

'Seek A-G nod to file contempt plea against Dubey'

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday told a lawyer, appearing for a petitioner, that he has to take the prior permission of the Attorney General (AG) to file a contempt petition against BJP MP Nishikant Dubey over his criticism of the apex court and the Chief Justice of India (CJI), clarifying that he need not seek the court's consent.

The matter was mentioned by the lawyer before a two-judge bench comprising Justice B R Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih, which asked him to take the requisite consent from AG R Venkataramani. "You file it. For filing, you don't require our permission," Justice Gavai said, clarifying that the petitioner needed the AG's sanction in the matter.

Nishikant Dubey launched a tirade against the top court saying Parliament should be shut if the court makes laws. He also took a swipe at CJI Khanna, holding him responsible for "civil wars" in the country.

Army on buying spree, inks ₹85K cr deals for arms procurement in '24-'25

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Indian Army has worked out major procurement deals with an expenditure of ₹85,000 crore for 2024-2025, with a thrust on self-reliance. "26 capital procurement contracts totalling ₹85,000 crore have been finalised in the capital budget, with only three sourced from foreign vendors," an Army source said. On the utilisation of the budget under the capital head, "Army utilised ₹35,000 crore. 95% of this expenditure was allocated to domestic sources, reinforcing the Make-in-India initiative," source said.

According to planners in the Army, money spent on procurements from the indigenous sources adds to the growth of the economy and employment generation. "Indian Army's historic ₹85,000 crore procurement spree marks a decisive push for self-reliance, dramatically transforming India's military capabilities into a future-ready force," a defence official said.

Army's domestic procurement and indigenous defence production are "not only strengthening operational preparedness but also acting as a powerful economic stimulus, driving job creation, investment, and industrial growth," the official said.

The move, as part of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat, is expanding India's indigenous defence manufacturing ecosystem. "It is expected to stimulate economic growth, boost GDP, and create thousands of skilled jobs," the official said.

The total allocation towards the defence was ₹6,21,541 crore for 2024-25. The Union Budget made a provision of ₹6, 81,210.27 crore for 2025-26 for the defence ministry. The allocation for defence capital expenditure for 2024-25 is ₹1.72 lakh crore. The capital budget is spent on adding new weapons, systems and equipment.

"In the current geopolitical scenario where the world is witnessing a changing paradigm of modern warfare, Indian armed forces need to be equipped with state-of-the-art weapons and have to be transformed into a technologically advanced combat-ready force. Keeping this in view, ₹1,80,000 crore has been allocated on capital outlay of the defence forces. This allocation is 4.65% higher than the budgetary estimate (BE) of 2024-25," the MoD said.

Plans to hold Defence Expo in Ranchi
India's next edition of the DefExpo is to be held in Ranchi, Jharkhand, if things go as planned. "The international 5-day DefExpo is likely to be held in Ranchi, which happens to be the Lok Sabha constituency of Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth," said a source.

Author threatens to sue 'Emergency' producer over 'breach of contract'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

COOMI Kapoor, a noted journalist and author of the book — The Emergency — has decided to take legal action against the producer of movie 'Emergency' (Manikarnika Films Pvt Ltd, a company owned by the family of actress turned politician Kangana Ranaut) and over-the-top (OTT) streaming service provider Netflix for alleged breach of contract, causing damage to her reputation.

Kapoor said the Kangana-Anupam Kher starrer film has inaccuracies and despite her assertion attribution—"based on Coomi Kapoor's book; The Emergency"— has not been removed from the version of the movie on Netflix.

She had conveyed her grievances to Aksht Ranaut, a representative of Manikarnika Films Pvt Ltd, however, they remained unanswered.

A scene from the movie

"I sent two legal notices. Inaccuracies in the film were mentioned in the notices however no proper reply was given. So I have decided to move Delhi High Court to initiate action against the producers and Netflix," Kapoor said.

According to Kapoor, Aksht sought permission to buy the rights of her book when she met him in Mumbai in 2021.

She further stated that subsequently, a tripartite contract was signed by Manikarnika Films, the publisher of the book and herself.

The contract stipulated that the author's name and book should not be used for promoting or exploiting the film without the prior approval of the author in writing, she added. The film script was not shown to her, Kapoor also alleged.

Despite attempts to seek their versions, no immediate response was available from Kangana, Akshat, Manikarnika Films Pvt Ltd and Netflix. OTT platform sources, however, said that the film is a licensed production and it was not originally produced by Netflix.

Kapoor also said that apprehending that the film might be at variance with the book, even before the film was completed, she sent Aksht two WhatsApp messages, since he had not answered her phone calls.

Pope Francis held India, PM close to his heart

GEORGE KURIAN
Minister of State for Minority Affairs, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

Minister of State for Minority Affairs and Animal Husbandry with Pope Francis

AS PM Narendra Modi rightly observed, His Holiness Pope Francis was a "beacon of compassion, humility, and spiritual courage" in a world fraught with conflicts, violence and despair. His passing has left a profound void that is difficult to fill, marking the end of an era defined by unwavering dedication to unity and hope. Despite being the supreme leader of the Catholic Church, he transcended regional, religious, and cultural divides to become a voice for the voiceless—a true statesman and spiritual guide who exemplified the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis, the first Latin American and Jesuit pope, infused the papacy with a sense of purpose, emerging as a transformative leader in the Catholic Church. He led by example, embodying the principles he championed throughout his papacy. On April 17, 2025, continuing his cherished Holy Thursday tradition, Pope Francis visited Rome's Regina Coeli prison. In his final outing, despite his frail health, he spent time with the inmates, offering prayers. He gifted each inmate rosaries and copies of the Gospels, reaffirming his commitment to uplifting those on society's margins.

Just hours before his death, he met with US Vice-President JD Vance and delivered an Easter message focused on a theme central to his mission: a heartfelt appeal for the better treatment of migrants and other vulnerable, marginalised communities. His papacy was distinguished by a resolute commitment to fostering interfaith understanding, and addressing pressing global challenges such as climate change.

Personally, I had the privilege of being chosen by PM Modi to lead a seven-member delegation to the Vatican for the creation ceremony of then Cardinal-designate George Jacob Koovakad, the first Indian Catholic priest to be directly elevated to receive the red biretta, on December 7, 2024. With his ever-smiling demeanor, Pope Francis graciously hosted us. Upon arriving at the hotel, I was unexpectedly summoned by a cardinal to meet the Pope again. The Holy Father handed me a rosary, saying, "This is for the people of India." I later learned that such gestures are exceedingly rare. I can confidently affirm that PM Modi and India occupy a cherished place in his thoughts and prayers. This was evident when the Pope told the PM, "India is the greatest gift you've given me."

Although physically he is no longer among us, Pope Francis will continue to inspire millions to dedicate their lives to serving the poor.

RELIEF

Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Monday announced compensation for farmers affected by the recent incidents of fire in fields, resulting in damage to crops over several acres of land, according to a statement.

6 DEAD

AS CAR RAMS INTO TREE IN UP's KUSHINAGAR

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	40	24	Mumbai	33	27
Bhopal	40	23	Panaji	35	29
Jaipur	38	24	Patna	39	26
Amritsar	37	20	Lucknow	40	23
Chennai	33	28	Port Blair	31	26
Kolkata	36	29	Imphal	26	21
Srinagar	18	07	Chandigarh	38	21

8 Maoists gunned down in J'khand

Central committee member carrying ₹1 cr reward among those killed in Bokaro encounter

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

AS part of the ongoing anti-Maoist offensive, security forces on Monday gunned down at least eight cadres of the banned militant outfit, including Central Committee Member Vivek having a bounty of ₹1 crore on his head, in an encounter in Lugu Pahar area of Jharkhand's Bokaro. Notably, this is the first time a Maoist cadre with such an enormous prize on his head, has been killed in encounter.

According to police, the dead bodies of all eight Maoists killed in the encounter, including Vivek, have been recovered. "One AK series rifle, one SLR, three INSAS rifles, one pistol and eight country-made rifles have been recovered from the spot. No injury has been reported so far on the side of security forces," a senior officer said.

Although firing has stopped, search operations are on to apprehend other Maoists who may have fled the area under the cover of dense foliage, police said.

The gun battle reportedly took place during a joint operation of CRPF's Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (COBRA) and Jharkhand Police at Bokaro's Lugu Pahar area around 5:30 am on Monday when they were ambushed by Maoists hiding in the area. In retaliation, security forces also opened fire, killing eight members of the 'red rebels'.

According to the police, besides Vivek, Arvind Yadav with a bounty of ₹25 lakh and Saheb Ram Manjhi with a prize of ₹10 lakh, were also killed in the encounter. With the killings of these top cadres, the Jhumra chapter of Maoist insurgency is almost closed.

DGP Anurag Gupta, terming this encounter as a significant achievement, said the authorities have obtained information on every Maoist hiding in the state, along with details of their whereabouts and the scope of their operations.

Vivek's wife Jaya, who also had a bounty of ₹1 crore, was arrested last year before she died of illness while in custody.

Jawan killed in IED explosion in Bijapur

A jawan of the Chhattisgarh Armed Force was killed after an improvised explosive device (IED) planted by Maoists went off in Bijapur on Monday. Police said the blast occurred when forces were on a patrol to provide security to road construction work. Constable Manoj Pujari of the 19th battalion inadvertently stepped over an IED, triggering the explosion.

Our march to eliminate Naxalism continues: Shah

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

AFTER security forces eliminated eight Maoist operatives in an encounter in Jharkhand's Bokaro, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday hailed the operation as a success and reiterated the government's commitment to eliminating Naxal insurgency.

In a post on X, Shah said, "Our march to eliminate Naxalism continues unabated. Today, security forces achieved another significant success in the ongoing operation to uproot Naxalism. In an encounter at Ligu Hills in Bokaro, 8 Maoists were neutralised, including a top-level naxal leader, Vivek, who carried a reward of ₹1 crore, and two other notorious Naxalites. The operation continues. Applaud our security forces."

The troops of 209 Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA) along with state police conducted the operation in which eight Naxals were killed, officials said.

Meanwhile, later in the day, Shah chaired a high-level meeting in the presence of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai to review implementation of the new criminal laws in the state and also discussed measures to eradicate Naxalism and the status of developmental initiatives undertaken in the Bastar region.

According to officials, special strategies were discussed for a 'permanent solution' to the Maoist problem, with the Chief Minister apprising the meeting that in state-wide anti-insurgency operations in recent months, many wanted Maoist leaders have been killed, arrested or forced into surrender. "Efforts like Niyad Nelanar Yojana, Bastar Olympics, Women Security Center, and development of tourism infrastructure in tribal areas have had a significant impact in connecting youth to the mainstream," officials said.

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> Amit Shah, HM

HM reviews anti-Naxal operations

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Plot to attack Shah in pro-Amritpal WA group busted, 2 held

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AFTER alleged screenshots of a WhatsApp group conversation in support of jailed pro-Khalistan leader and Khadoor Sahib MP Amritpal Singh was leaked on social media, the Punjab Police on Monday registered a case and arrested two persons in the matter. The group reportedly discussed plans to target Union home minister Amit Shah, Union Minister of State for Railways Ravneet Singh Bittu and Shiromani Akali Dal leader Bikram Majithia in 'retaliation' to the one-year extension granted for Amritpal's detention under the National Security Act (NSA).

An FIR was registered at the Cyber Crime Police Station in Moga under various sections of the BNS, UAPA and the IT Act. The accused have been identified as Lakhdeep Singh Sardargarh from Bathinda, Balkar Singh from New Model Town in Khanna, and Pawandeep Singh from Khote, Moga. Among them, Balkar and Pawandeep have been arrested.

DIG (Faridkot Range) Ashwani Kapoor said, "A case has been registered by Moga police and two accused have been arrested while efforts are ongoing to identify and apprehend other unidentified persons."

The alleged screenshots and audio recordings related to the matter have already been shared with security agencies, police added.

Police sources claimed the WhatsApp group, which has over 600 members, discussed plans of targeted strikes to avenge the extension of Amritpal Singh's detention. The group conversation allegedly included details on foreign funding, arms procurement, and circulation of inflammatory content online, they added. Sources claimed the leaked chats have revealed that certain members were willing to sacrifice their lives for the cause provided their families are assured protection.

According to the sources, the pro-Khalistan group accused Union ministers Shah and Bittu, Akali dal elder Bikram Majithia, and Parminder Singh Talwara, an aide to the late 'Waris Punjab De' founder Deep Sidhu, for their assumed role in keeping the Waris Punjab De chief in jail.

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Info DG stresses need to use AI responsibly

Amid the rise and rise of artificial intelligence (AI), Uttarakhand Director General of Information Banshidhar Tiwari has stressed the need to preserve humanity. Speaking at a workshop on 'Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence: Role of Public Relations' organised by the Public Relation Society of India's Dehradun Chapter on Monday, he emphasised, "In today's technical era, all of us need to understand our responsibility. As the AI technology rapidly develops, it becomes our duty to ensure that the spirit of humanity remains paramount." He further stressed the need to use the technology responsibly.

Rawat using Congress for family interests: BJP MLA

BJP MLA Vinod Chamoli recently pointed an accusatory finger at the Congress, accusing the grand old party of nepotism and dynasty politics. He said the party has been reduced to "a political placement agency" for the children and relatives of former Uttarakhand Chief Minister Harish Rawat. Claiming that Rawat believes in giving precedence to his family over the welfare of his party. Chamoli said, "Rawat's yatra is aimed not at strengthening his party but at securing the future of his children. He is not working in the interest of the party." Chamoli also dismissed Rawat's recent claim that the Congress has become a victim of lies.

₹2.6-cr biz for livestock farmers in ITBP contract

Farmers and livestock keepers in four border districts of Uttarakhand have earned a whopping ₹2.6 crore in just five months by supplying meat and fish to the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), officials stated on Sunday. The ITBP battalions in Pithoragarh, Chamoli, Uttarkashi, and Champawat were dependent on large cities for the supply of mutton, chicken and fish until October 2024, when the state Animal Husbandry Department facilitated a contract between the ITBP and local livestock farmers. Under the contract signed on October 30 last year, 253 farmers associated with 10 cooperative societies and farmer producer organisations have been engaged.

Chirag ready to accept new role in Bihar, says MP

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

UNION Minister of Food Processing Industries and Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan has created a flutter in Bihar political circles by suggesting that he wants to return to state politics.

And as Bihar heads to the polls this year, the one question weighing heavy on his supporters' minds is, "Will he or won't he?" While Paswan is keeping cards close to his chest, his brother-in-law and party MP from Jamui Arun Bharti on Monday let the cat out of the bag by hinting that Paswan may indeed contest the upcoming Assembly elections.

During an interaction with the press, he said that Paswan was ready to play an active role in the state politics and that he was ready to take on a new responsibility.

"He is ready to accept a new challenge at the instance of his party workers," Bharti asserted, adding, "Bihar has always been the centre of Paswan's politics." Bharti's remarks came a day after the party's youth wing passed a resolution declaring Paswan as their choice for CM.

Notably, Paswan himself had revealed in a past interview, "Bihar was the only reason I joined politics."

CM meets PM amid buzz over Gujarat cabinet rejig, change of state BJP chief

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

THE recent buzz surrounding the Gujarat Cabinet expansion and the new BJP state chief gained traction after Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Monday.

The high-profile meeting fueled speculation, with sources hinting that the long-awaited Cabinet reshuffle could be announced soon. But Patel took to social media to downplay the political chatter, stating the discussion focused on the state's overall development.

CM Patel shared a photo of his meeting with the Prime Minister on social media, stating, "Today, I met the Prime Minister of India, Hon'ble Narendra Modi Ji, in New Delhi. We discussed various issues related to the overall development of Gujarat, and I received valuable guidance on how to reach every beneficiary of the government's welfare schemes more effectively."

Moments after the picture was shared, state political circles went into overdrive.

Sources suggest that Delhi has been witnessing intense backchannel discussions over Gujarat politics for some time now. At the heart of the churn are two unresolved issues—the long-pending appointment of a new Gujarat BJP president and the anticipated cabinet reshuffle.

Apparently, the current state chief, CR Patil, has already completed his term and now holds a berth in the Union Cabinet. Patil publicly admitted that he had urged the party's high command to relieve him from state-level responsibilities. Another key issue stirring Gujarat's political pot is the long-delayed expansion of the state cabinet.

Ever since the BJP formed government after the 2022 assembly polls with a notably slim cabinet, talk of an imminent expansion has been in the air. However, nearly three years later, the reshuffle remains on hold, making fresh speculation of a cabinet revamp more intense than ever.

According to the sources, the BJP is considering inducting senior leaders who defected from the Congress, a move that would require an expansion to accommodate them.

2 arrested in Odisha over murder of Murshidabad father-son in Waqf stir

MAYANK BHUSAN PANI/RAJ KUMAR SHARMA @ @ Sambalpur/Jharsuguda

IN a major breakthrough, two key accused in the brutal killings of a father-son duo in Murshidabad during the recent violence over Waqf (Amendment) Act were arrested by a joint team of West Bengal STF and Jharsuguda police in the early hours of Monday in Bandhabahal outpost limits here. The two siblings, Bani Israel and Sefaul Haque, both residents of Sulitala village in Murshidabad district of West Bengal, were prime suspects in the murder of Chandan Das (40) and his father Haragobinda Das (72).

The father-son duo was brutally hacked to death on April 13 by a mob during violent protests against the new Waqf Act in Jafrabad village under Samserganj police station in Murshidabad district. The murders had triggered widespread tension in the region. Additionally, six others who were allegedly involved in the violent protests were also detained in a subsequent raid in the area.

IG of Northern Range, Himansu Lal told this newspaper that after a request from West Bengal STF, Banharpali police conducted raids at multiple locations early in the morning. The operation began around 5 am and led to the arrest of the siblings.

"Their father was earlier arrested by WB police but the siblings had fled. The joint team carried out the raids and nabbed them," he said.

During arrest, Bani Israel was found in possession of a country-made pistol loaded with two rounds of 7.62 mm live ammunition. As he and his brother Sefaul attempted to flee, police fired four warning shots to prevent their escape and captured them. Four empty 9 mm cartridges were recovered from the scene, and a case was registered under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Arms Act.

Jharsuguda SP, Smit P Parmar said, six others from Murshidabad, suspected to be involved in the larger violence incident, were also detained during the raids.

"The detainees have been identified as Babul Sk, Abdul Khalek, Saba Karim, Roni Sk, Manarul Sk, and Azfarul Sk, all residents of localities under Samserganj police station in WB. They were taken into custody for further questioning and verification," he added.

Earlier on April 14, two other accused in the double murder - Kalu Nadab and Dildar Nadab - had been arrested from Murshidabad and Birbhum districts.

The police are probing the broader conspiracy behind the violence and presence of multiple individuals from Murshidabad in Jharsuguda. "Jharsuguda police is continuing its scan so as to draw out such elements, if present, in the area," Lal said.

In joint op, Meghalaya & Mumbai police bust criminal network; B'deshis nabbed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

THE Meghalaya police, in coordination with Mumbai police, have busted a criminal network that not only facilitated the illegal entry of Bangladeshi nationals but also used their bank accounts — opened with forged documents — to carry out banking and cyber frauds.

Officials said the Meghalaya police had launched an operation in this regard on February 14 after receiving inputs about a group of suspected Bangladeshi nationals travelling from Guwahati to Shillong by road. Five persons, including a child, were intercepted in Ri-Bhoi district and taken into custody.

Though they possessed Aadhaar and PAN cards, it did not take long for the police to ascertain their Bangladeshi nationality. They had entered India months ago and travelled to Mumbai looking for jobs.

Three held from Mumbai over infiltration racket

Members of a criminal network used to arrange forged documents using fake address proofs and enlist the help of middlemen to move illegal immigrants through border towns to metropolitan cities. The police have nabbed three members of the network.

The infiltrators said that a member of an illegal network, Shaikh Mohd Mujib of Mumbai, had arranged Aadhaar and PAN cards for them using fake address proofs.

Two other Mumbai-based members of the network, A Kazi and Jabir Yunus Shaikh, opened bank accounts in the names of the immigrants by using forged documents. The accounts were then used for loan fraud and cybercrime.

A team of Meghalaya and Maharashtra police recently carried out a series of raids in Mumbai that led to the arrest of Kazi, Shaikh and Mujib from three different locations in the city. Various incriminating documents were seized from their possession.

Meghalaya shares a 443-km border with Bangladesh, part of which is porous. Illegal immigration from the neighbouring country has been a matter of concern in the state. Several organisations have called for strict vigilance along the border to prevent infiltration.

Flash floods leave behind trail of destruction in J&K

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE flash floods and landslides that killed three people left a trail of destruction in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district, with affected people picking up the pieces and men and machinery deployed for restoration work on Monday.

Roads have been damaged, vehicles buried under debris and residential houses, shops and government infrastructure worth crores of rupees damaged. Jammu Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar said 12 villages have suffered damage in the Sunday's rain fury.

"Our house has been completely damaged. We have lost everything including jewellery, clothes and household items. We were sleeping when a cloudburst hit our village. We somehow managed to escape from the house," said a woman from Ramban. "We are homeless and helpless now. Government should provide us relief and also rehabilitate us," she said, adding all 11 houses in their area have been damaged.

Debris after a rain-triggered landslide hit Ramban district on Sunday | PTI

Ravi Kumar, who was running a shop at Dolibazar Ramban for the last 18 years, said, "Our lives were ruined in one hour. At least 25 shops have been damaged. We don't know how to earn our living."

A portion of a hotel and vehicles parked in front of it have been buried under the debris. Sunil Kumar from Jammu, who was staying in the hotel, said, "We saw water coming into the hotel. We broke the windows of the second and third floors to escape. Locals and hotel staff helped in saving our lives." Sunil said his vehicle, which he had purchased a few months back, has been lost under the debris.

A cab driver said, "We did not get time to take our vehicles to a secure place. We had taken loans to purchase the cabs and hope government will provide us assistance."

Cars, trucks, oil tankers and rescue vehicles of Ramban's Quick Response Team (QRT) have been stuck in the debris on the Srinagar-Jammu highway, especially on the 4 km stretch between Seri and Maroog. "The height of the sludge at some places is more than 20 feet," an official said.

The personnel of police, NDRF, SDRF, civil QRTs, Army and other agencies, besides volunteers from NGOs, are engaged in restoration operations in the affected areas. An NHAI official said efforts are underway to clear thousands of tonnes of debris at over a dozen locations in Ramban.

"Full restoration of Srinagar-Jammu highway is likely to take another five to six days," the official said.

Restoration operations on in affected areas

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First pope from Jesuit order, Francis headed the church for 12 years

GLOBAL WEATHER

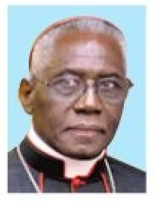
Beijing	25	7	LC	Los Angeles	27	12	SNY
Colombo	31	25	TDS	Melbourne	22	13	LC
Dhaka	34	25	LC	Moscow	-1	-4	LS
Dubai	38	26	SNY	New York	14	6	LR
Houston	16	9	LC	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	19	8	LR	Toronto	8	1	LC
London	15	5	SNY	Washington	23	8	TDS

LR: Light Rain ● HR: Heavy Rain ● LS: Light Snow ● TDS: Thundershower ● LC: Light Cloud ● SNY: Sunny

AFRICAN PAPABILE?

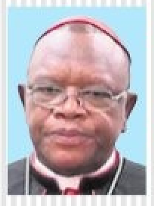
There are always front-runners, known as "papabile," who have at least some of the qualities considered necessary to be pope. The buzz this time is on an African pope

CARDINAL ROBERT SARAH



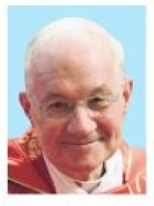
- Long considered the best hope for an African pope
- Beloved by conservatives

CARDINAL FRIDOLIN BESUNGU



- The Archbishop of Kinshasa
- The only African cardinal on Francis' advisory committee

CARDINAL MARC OUELLET



- Led the Vatican's influential bishops office for a decade
- His office has taken charge of investigating bishops accused of covering up for predator priests

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN

- Had been Pope Francis' secretary of state since 2014
- Oversaw the Holy See's controversial deal with China over bishop nominations
- Seen as someone who would continue in Francis' tradition

CARDINAL ROBERT PREVOST

- Pope Francis sent him to run the diocese of Chiclayo, Peru, in 2014
- Prevost is also president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America. At 69, he is the youngest candidate

Pope Francis appears on the central lodge of St Peter's Basilica to bestow the blessing at the end of the Easter mass on Sunday, a day before his passing | AP

A FIRST IN 100 YRS, POPE TO BE BURIED OUTSIDE VATICAN

Pope Francis to be entombed in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore. World leaders praise him for his strong defence of social justice and rights of migrants

VATICAN CITY

THE Argentinian pontiff, who died Monday at the age of 88, will be first in more than a century who will not be entombed in St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. Francis's desire to chart a different path was evident right to the end, with his decision to be buried not in St Peter's Basilica but in Rome's centuries old Santa Maria Maggiore basilica.

Francis was very devoted to the worship of the Virgin Mary and made a point to pray in Santa Maria Maggiore before.

Francis also rejected the tradition of popes having three coffins, choosing instead to be buried in just one.

Meanwhile, mourners gathered, many in tears, in St Peter's Square, where just a day earlier the the frail-looking pontiff had greeted worshippers on Easter Sunday, having recently left hospital following a 38-day battle with double pneumonia.

World leaders praised him for having strongly defended social justice and the rights of migrants.

King Charles, who met Francis during a state visit earlier this month, said the pope had "served with such devotion".

Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni said "a great man has left us" in a statement.

Argentina's President Javier Milei pointed to his compatriot's "goodness and wisdom" despite their "differences" of views.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said Francis had "inspired millions... with his humility and love so pure for the less fortunate". US President Donald Trump wrote "Rest in Peace" on his Truth Social platform, and his predecessor Joe Biden, a Catholic, hailed "one of the most consequential leaders of our time" on X.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said he was grieving and Russian President Vladimir Putin praised the pope's promotion of dialogue between the Orthodox and Catholic churches.

Spain declared three days of mourning with Argentina announcing a full week.

The bells at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris rang out 88 times and the city said the lights would be turned off at the Eiffel Tower on Monday evening. Francis's pontificate was also marked by pushing through governance reforms and tackling the scourge of clerical sex abuse of children. But critics accused him of creating doctrinal confusion and failing to defend traditional Catholic beliefs on key issues such as abortion and divorce.

Throughout his papacy, Francis championed the poor and vulnerable and emphasised love over doctrine.

Agencies

THE JOURNEY OF THE 266TH POPE

1936 Jorge Mario Bergoglio is born in Buenos Aires

1969 Ordained a priest with the Jesuit religious order

1992 Named auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires

1998 Named archbishop of Buenos Aires

2001 Elevated to cardinal by St John Paul II

2013 Elected 266th pope

Church prepares for the last rites

VATICAN CITY

WITH the death of Pope Francis on Monday, the Catholic Church enters a period known as "Sede Vacante" (Vacant See) during which a senior cardinal takes over day-to-day affairs until a new pope is elected.

The cardinal, referred to as the "camerlengo" ("chamberlain"), in this case will be Irish-American Kevin Farrell, appointed to the role by Francis in February 2019. The camerlengo is also charged with destroying the "Fisherman's Ring", a gold signet ring specially cast for each new pope which once was used to seal documents.

Originally its destruction was to prevent forgery but today the act—in the presence of the cardinals at their first gathering of the Sede Vacante—simply symbolises the end of a papacy. Nearly all prefects of Vatican offices lose their jobs when a pope dies, but a few stay on, including the foreign minister and the master of liturgical ceremonies, who plays a key role in assembling the conclave.

Cardinals from around the world will hold a series of meetings known as "general congregations". They will decide on a date for the burial, which must take place between the fourth and sixth days after death, and on the organisation of the "novemdiales", the nine days of mourning

A devotee holds a portrait of the late Pope Francis during Mass at the Basílica de San José de Floress in Buenos Aires, Argentina | AFP

The deceased pope will be dressed in his simple white cassock and red vestments, then placed in a simple wooden coffin. This will be carried in procession to St Peter's Basilica, where the public viewing will take place for the next three days. The pope's body will be left in the plain, open casket during this viewing period in order to emphasize the pope's humble role as a pastor, not a head of state.

After the public viewing, a plain white cloth will be placed over the pope's face as he lies in the oak coffin, a continuing part of papal funerals. But this will be the first time that only a single coffin will be used; it will likely contain a document describing his pontificate and a bag of coins from his pontificate as well.

The funeral Mass will then be celebrated at St Peter's, most likely inside because of the late winter weather, and there will likely be a crowd of believers outside, assembled on the plaza. The homily will reflect on the life and spirituality of the deceased pope. After that, there will likely be a procession to Santa Maria Maggiore. After final prayers and sprinkling of holy water, the coffin will be placed in its final location inside the church. Masses will continue to be said in Francis' memory for nine days after his death—a period called Novendialis. This ritual was inspired by a tradition prescribing a mourning period ending on the ninth day after a death.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Pravitha Murthy N M,** R/at. No.73, Greenwood layout, Kothanur, Hennur, Bangalore-560077, hereby declare that I have Lost my 1st, 2nd and 3rd year Marks card of Diploma in Mechatronics, studied in Government Tool Room & Traning Centre, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. Reg. No. 6010425, completed 4 year (3+1) Diploma course. If anyone finds the above said Marks Card please inform to this Mobile No. 93534 77035

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA
C.MIS No 97/2025

Petitioners: 1. Sri Ramakrshnaiah, S/o late Hanumathaiah, aged about 53 years, **2. Puttamma,** D/o late Hanumathaiah, aged about 52 years, **3. Nagaraju,** S/o late Hanumanthaiah, aged about 51 years, **4. Gangaraju,** S/o late Hanumanthaiah, aged about 50 years, All are R/at Isuvanahalli, Doddabele Post, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Banaglore Rural District- 562123 **-V/s-**
Respondent: The Thahashildar, Registrar Birth and deaths Nelamanagala Taluk, Nelamangala,

NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner has filed the above petition against the respondents for obtain the death certificate i.e Petitioner father **Hanumanthaiah** S/o Late Hanumappa, who died 23/10/1998 At the petitioners residence at Isuvanahalli, Doddabele Post. Thymagonalu Hobli Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore rural district. 562123. If there are any other legal heirs and there, they are hereby, persons or by pleader on **05-05-2025** which the petition will be disposed off exparte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on this 18-03-2025
By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge, Junior Division and JMFC, Nelamangala
Advocate for Petitioner: **H.B Arun Gowda**
No.66/8, 1st main, 1st Cross, Maruthi Nagar Vajarahalli, Nelamangala-562123

BEFORE THE LEARNED DISTRICT CONSUMER DISPUTE REDRESSEL COMMISSION
C.C. NO. 286 OF 2024
(NOTICE TO THE OPPOSITE PART THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION)

In the matter of Mohan Kumar K.S C/O: Sathyanarayana K C Resident of: 31, Kote Street, 1st Block, Magadi Taluk Kudur, Ramanagara, Karnataka, Pin-561101. Ph-7899722920. mohan.sathyakala@gmail.com **...Complainant**
Versus The Signatory Authority RIGHT CHOICE CAREER ADVISER Having registered office at: 357 G2, San Diego building, 1st Block, Koramangala, Bangalore, Pin-560034 **...Respondent**

(NOTICE TO THE OPPOSITE PARTY UNDER SECTION 35 OF THE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 2019)

Whereas the complainant is seeking relief from this Hon'ble court to direct the opposite party to refund amount of Rs.4 lakhs and direct the respondents to provide RS.10,00,000/- (rupees ten lakhs only) as compensation to the complainant for the deficiency in service and mental harassment and agony and also direct the respondents to pay the costs of litigation.
Please take notice of the said matter and kindly appear personally or through your counsel on **14/5/2025** Take notice that, failing which, the complaint may disposed of as ex -parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Court on 10/3/2025
BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- Asst. Registrar-Cum-Assistant Administrative Officer
Bangalore Rural & Bengaluru Urban

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that our client, Sri. Venkatesh K. Chellam, Aged about 49 years, Son of Sri. Krishna Murthy V.C., has revoked the General Power of Attorney[GPA] dated 07/12/2022 given to one Sri. Venkatesh Kannappan, S/o Sri. Kannappan Ramasami vide registered document on 15/04/2025 as Doc. No.RRN-4-00025/2024-25, Book-IV at the office of Sub-Registrar, RR Nagar, Bangalore in respect of the schedule property mentioned below. Earlier, when our client was at the verge of travelling had given the said GPA registered as Doc.No.BSK-IV-00477/2022-23, Book-IV, CD No.BSKD-1462 at the office of Sub-Registrar, Banashankari, Bangalore and now our client back to Bengaluru from his personal work and revoked the said GPA dt.7/12/2022 on 15/04/2025. Whoever deals with Sri. Venkatesh Kannappan, S/o Sri. Kannappan Ramasami in any manner of whatsoever nature or any transaction including sale/agreement/court cases in respect of schedule property, the same is not binding on our client as the said GPA already cancelled. If anyone deals with such attorney holder so, it is on their own risk and cost. Our client is not either whole or a part to this transaction. Whoever deals with same, it is of their own costs and risk.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing plot No. 584, in A-BLOCK, AECS LAYOUT, presently comes under the limits of BBMP, bearing BBMP, Property Katha No.882/584 formed in Sy No: 7/1,7/2, 7/3, 7/4, 7/5, 7/6, 8P, 9/1, 29/1, 29/2, 30, 30/1, 30/2, 37, 38/1, 38/2, 38/3, 39/2, 39/4, 39/5, 40, 41/1, 42/1, 42/2, 43, 44/1P, 45, 46 of Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, in the layout plan approved by the BDA, as per the Order No: BDA/TPM/DD/1263/1992-93, dated 12-11-1992, measuring East to West: 60 feet (18.293 mtrs) and North to South: 40 feet (12.195 mtrs) in all measuring 266.67 sq. yards or 223.08 Sq. Mtrs. or 2400 Sq. Ft. and bounded on

East by : Road
West by : Site No 589
North by : Site No 583
South by : Site No 585

By **G.T. Rudramurthy,** Advocate
101, First Floor, "Amar Tower", 1st Cross, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560 009.
email: rudra.vakil@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sri. JMM Rajesh Kumar, S/o. Jaldu Venkata Shivaram Krishna Prasad, aged about 48 years, residing at No.29, 1st Main, Srinidhi Layout, Konanakunte, Bengaluru - 560 062, is my client and he is the registered General Power of Attorney Holder of the immovable property bearing Sy. No. 127, measuring 7 acres 0-86 cents, situated at Machilipatnam, Ward No.7 Village, Machilipatnam Taluk, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. In respect of the aforesaid property, a General Power of Attorney has been registered as document No.BK-1, CS No.918/2023 & Doc. No.858/2023, Sheet 1 to 13, dated 25.1.2023, in the office of the Joint Sub-Registrar, Machilipatnam (R.O.), A.P., executed by his father namely, Sri. Jaldu Venkata Shivaram Krishna Prasad, in favour of my client JMM Rajesh Kumar. On 10.2.2025, my client has lost aforesaid original registered General Power of Attorney dated 25-01-2023 in his aforesaid residence. In this regard, a police complaint has been lodged through on-line of Karnataka State Police. Accordingly, the said police issued acknowledgement under Lost Report No. 1562101/2025 dated 12.4.2025. Hence, I hereby call upon the General Public, any person/s who found the above GPA may kindly handover the same to the undersigned or the jurisdictional police station. In case if anybody misuse the above said documents, my client will take legal action on such person/s and also, If my client traces the same, he will intimate the same to the jurisdictional police station and withdraw the complaint. Hence, this Public Notice.
GOVARDHANA REDDY .G, Advocate
No.39/2, A.S.V.N.V. Bhavan, Room No.47, Third Floor, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560 009.
Mobile: 93425 24126, Dated: 21-04-2025.

LOST

I, **POKAR RAM,** S/o. UMARAMJI Residing at No.74, 25th Main, Mariswamy Layout, Agara Village, Bengaluru-560102 do hereby inform to the general public that, the previous owner have lost the original registered Sale deed dated 06.04.1977 document No.70/77-78, original registered Sale deed dated 19.05.1979 document No.604/79-80, and original registered Gift deed dated 14.08.2006 document No.BAS-1-12726-2006-07, pertaining to the residential property bearing BBMP Katha No.41/41/38/39/38 (Old Katha No.38, Bommanahalli CMC Property No.38) situated at Agara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, built on site measuring East to West 43 feet and North to South 24 feet, totally measuring 1032 Square feet. In this regard on 24-03-2025, I had lodged online complaint at Police Unit, Bengaluru City, Vide Lost Report No. 1535911/2025. If any person/s finds the same please hand over the same to the above said address or contact me on **+91 9986794428, 9886592333**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Finance Department)
FISCAL POLICY INSTITUTE (FPI)
Bangalore-Mysore Road, Kengeri, Bengaluru - 560 060.
Ph: 080-2697 1000, Website: www.fpibengaluru.karnataka.gov.in
No: FPI-PROC0TNDR(CHK)/2/2025-ADMN Date : 21.04.2025

e-Tender Notification

Fiscal Policy Institute (FPI) invites Tender through e-procurement in two-covers mode, from the reputed agencies for the following service.
"Tender for Procurement of Housekeeping Services at Fiscal Policy Institute, Bengaluru". Last date: **06.05.2025 till 3 PM.**
The Tender details may be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal: website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**
Sd/- For Director
DIPR/CP/YC/293/2025-26 **Fiscal Policy Institute (FPI)**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client, **Mr. Satya Harichandra Jayanthi,** lost the Original Sale Deed Dated: 18/07/1972, Doc No: 3684/1972, Vol No: 384, Page No 146, 147, registered at Anantapur SRO, while travelling from Banaswadi to Doddanekkundi. My client has filed lost report Vide No.1571375/2025, dated: 19/04/2025 online, with the KSP-Bengaluru City Unit- Banaswadi -PS limits.
If any Person/s has/have found the said original document, kindly inform and handover to the undersigned.
DAYANAND.G. S (Advocate)
Mobile No: 7892646402
PRADHAN LAW ASSOCIATES
#466/2 (New No.4), 2nd Floor, Banaswadi 100 Feet Road, Bangalore -560043.

BEFORE THE X ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND SESSION JUDGE, (DEDICATED COMMERCIAL COURT) BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, BENGALURU
BSNL BUILDING, 3rd FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BANGALORE 560001
COM.OS: 10/2025

BETWEEN: CANARA BANK DABASPET BRANCH NELAMANGALA TALUK BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT Rep. by Authorized Officer Senior Manager **: PLAINTIFF**
AND: SRI VEERENDRA **: DEFENDANT**

SUMMONS

To. SRI VEERENDRA S/O SRI NARASIMHAIAH AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS, RESIDING AT. NO.19 DHANOJI PALYA, ARASINAKUNTE NELAMANGALA TALUK, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT-562 123 **: DEFENDANT**
Whereas the above named Plaintiff filed the above suit for the recovery of Rs.7,14,837/- you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed, and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit or who shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all such questions, on the **2nd day of June 2025 at 11 o clock** in the morning appear to answer the claim, and as the day fixed for your appearance.
Given under my hand seal of the court, dated this the 8th day of April 2025.
By Order of the Court
Sd/- Sheristedar
X Addl. District & Sessions Court
Bengaluru Rural District, Bangalore
Address for Service J N Legal
No.5/102. RBANMS NEW COMPLEX, 1ST FLOOR, BAZAAR STREET ULSOOR, BANGALORE-560 008 Mob: 9739177389 E-mail: jnlegal.v@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mr. RAMESH S BILIMAGGA** S/o. B.M. Shankappa Shetty, Residing at No.419, E Block, Neeladri Mahal Apartment, Nandidurga Road, Near Canara Bank, Jayamahal Extension, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560046, have lost the last page of the Registered Release Deed dated:03/07/2018, document No. MLS-1-00925-2018-19, Book-1, Stored in CD No.MLSD143, before the Sub registrar, Malleshwaram, Bangalore, executed by Mr. Adarsh Ramesh, Infavour of Mrs. Sudha Ramesh (Dr. V. Sudha), in respect of the Apartment No. 217, Municipal No. 45/5-12, PID No. 92-1-45/5-12, situated on the 1st Floor, Block 'D', of the Residential Multistoried building known as 'NEELADRI MAHAL', PHASE II, measuring A Built Up Area of 1248 Square Feet, with One Covered Car Parking area in the Basement Floor, together with 387 Square feet undivided share, right, title and interest in Land in Property bearing Municipal No. 45/5, K.G. Byadarahalli, Nandidurga Road, Bangalore, totally measuring 42,630 sq., ft., and East by: Portion of property bearing Sy. No. 108 and Private passage, West by: Neeladrimahal - I Residential Apartment building, North by: Property bearing Sy. No. 106 and South by: 60 feet wide Nandidurga Main Road, if any person finds the same may deliver to the undersigned within three days.
K. Ajayakumar, Advocate,
AJAY & ASSOCIATES, # 18, 1st Floor, Thimmaiah Garden, Devegowda Road, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore- 560 032.
Ph. (0) 08049900563 and 08048506640
Mob.9880140512

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XLII ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BANGALORE (CCH-43)
P & SC No. 173 of 2025

1. Dr. NIVEDITHA S.
wife of M Gopinath and Daughter of Suresh C. and P. Rajeswari, Aged about 32 Years, Residing at No. 2/3, 1st cross, Damodara Mudaliar Street, Ulsoor, Bangalore - 560008. **: PETITIONER**
AND: NIL : RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 278 of the Indian Succession Act for the grant of Letter of Administration in favour of the Petitioner, in respect of Schedule property mentioned below. The below mentioned Schedule property was held by Late Ms. P. Sharada who is the aunt of the Petitioner herein, who expired on March 15, 2018. Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **13.6.2025 at 11 a.m.** inform to show cause against the petitioner, failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Site bearing No. 652 formed by the HMT Employee's Co-operative House Building Society Ltd., formed in Survey No. 34 to 39, 41 to 51 (Portion) of Narasipura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently situated in 4th Block, HMT Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 50 feet in all measuring 1500 sq. ft with building standing thereon measuring 1000 sq. ft. and bounded as follows:

East By : Site No.653;
West By : Site No.651;
North By : Site No.646;
South By : Road

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this the 19th day of April, 2025 at Bangalore.
By order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
Advocate for Petitioner
LEX ASTRA PARTNERS & ASSOCIATES
Office at : High Point 3, Flat No. 3111, 11th Floor, 45 Palace Road, Bangalore – 560001
Phone No. 9845329685
Email: ramesh.t.rt@gmail.com

BEFORE THE SOLE ARBITRATOR AKSHATA SHARMA, ADVOCATE
(Arising from order dated 16.12.2009 as passed in CMP No. 238 of 2019 by the High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru
ARB/ATS/No. 002 OF 2025

BETWEEN : M/s. Handiman Services Limited, Having its registered office at No. 12/2, Haudin Road, Karnataka-560042. **...CLAIMANT**
AND : Srinivasa Developers Having its office at 110/2, Harlur Road, Hosur Layout, K.G. Halli, Ashok Nagar, Bangalore 560 102. **...RESPONDENT**

NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas, the Claimant above named has instituted the above Arbitration Suit against you for recovery of a sum of Rs. 1,86,582/- along with interest @ 24% per annum from the date of each Invoices.
Whereas service through post and email have been attempted on you by the Office of the Sole Arbitrator which have returned with the endorsement either 'insufficient address or no such person at address'.
Whereas vide order of the Arbitral Tribunal dated 10.04.2025, you are hereby summoned to appear through video conferencing before the Arbitral Tribunal in person or by a pleader duly instructed on the next date **5th day of June 2025 at 6 o'clock** in the evening, to answer all material questions relating to the claim raised and in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the Arbitration Suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Therefore, you are required to get in contact with the Office of the Sole Arbitrator Ms. Akshata Sharma, Advocate having office at No. 2/2, 1st Floor, Margosa Road, Near 13th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore 560003.
Mobile: 9945680600.
Email ID: Akshata.arb@gmail.com
Given under my hand and seal on this 18.04.2025.
By Order of the Sole Arbitrator,
Akshata Sharma, Advocate
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the instructions of our client Sri. Rohith KR, S/o Late Raghunath K, Aged about 27 years, Smt. M. Manjula, W/o Late K Raghunath aged about 50 Years and Sri. Pradeep KR, S/o Late Raghunath K, Aged about 29 years we are hereby issuing this public notice:

1. One Sri. D A Srinivas has filed a Suit bearing OS No. 246/2020 before the Principal Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural, At Bengaluru against our client seeking declaration that he is the owner of the following properties based on a purported will dated 20.04.2018 and certain purported Memorandums of understandings:
   1. **Survey No. 274/1, 268, 264, 267, 272/3, 273, 276, 274/2, 274/1, 275, 272/3, 272/1, 272/2, 271/1 and 272/4, totally measuring to an extent of 26 Acres 10 Guntas, situated at Avathi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.**
   2. **Survey No. 113/3, 113/3A, 113/3B, 117, 117, 120, 118/6B, 121, 112/2, 111/1, 118/1B, 121 totally measuring to an extent of 14 Acres 11 Guntas, situated at Bullahalli Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.**
   3. **Survey No. 47/2, 28/5, 29/5, 41/2, 28/6, 29/6, 28/4 totally measuring to an extent of 6 Acres 11 Guntas, situated at Dasarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.**
   4. **Survey No. 92/6, 92/5A, 89/1, 87/3, 92/1 and 92/5B, converted lands, measuring to an extent of 6 Acres 16 Guntas, situated at Nallurahalli Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk.**
   5. **Survey No. 89/8 totally measuring to an extent of 29 Guntas, situated at Nallurahalli Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bengaluru East.**
2. Original Suit bearing OS No. 246/2020 came to be rejected as not maintainable vide judgement and decree dated 30.10.2023 by the Principal Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural, At Bengaluru.
3. Being aggrieved by the judgement dated 30.10.2023 Sri. DA Srinivas challenged the same before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in RFA No. 2216/2023. The Hon'ble High Court vide judgement dated 22.02.2024 set aside the Judgement dated 30.10.2023 passed in OS No. 246/2020 and thereby restored the Suit.
4. Being aggrieved by the order of the Hon'ble High Court, our client Sri. Rohith KR along with his mother Smt. Manjula and his Brother Sri. KR Pradeep have filed an Appeal before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide SLP (C) No. 007924/2024. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 08.04.2024, was pleased to issue notice to DA Srinivas and directed to keep the proceedings before the Trial Court in OS No. 246/2020 on hold and the said matter is pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
5. Further as against the purported will dated 20.04.2018 and purported Memorandums of understandings based on which Shri D A Srinivas have made claims over the aforementioned properties, complaints were filed by Smt Manjula and also by Sub Registrar Gandhinagar Bangalore before Jurisdictional Police. In the said matter, the Hon'ble High Court vide judgement dated 03.09.2022 in WP No. 7784/2022 directed CBI enquiry. Against the said judgement of the Hon'ble High Court, appeal is before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in SLP (Crl) No. 10515/2022 and connected matters.

Hence, it is brought to the kind attention of the General Public that during the pendency of the aforementioned proceedings, if any transection takes place between Sri. DA Srinivas with respect to the aforementioned properties, the same will prosecuted by our client in accordance with law as our client are the lawful owners in possession of the aforementioned properties.
AB Chambers, Advocate
Jeevan Building, Kumara Park East, Bangalore - 560 001.

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This is to inform the general public that my client intends to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder written for valuable consideration from it's owner **Sri. D VISHWANATH** S/o C G Dasharatha Rao. If anybody is having any claim, objection, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objection/claims/details of the dispute/s **within 7 (seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the owner as if there are no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect to the scheduled property and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing **Site No.** 116/119, 6th main, 10th cross, near Nakshatra apartment, Subash Nagar, K S Town, Bangalore South Bangalore-560060 presently bearing **B.B.M.P. Katha No.409/119/ 116, E-Aasthi PID No.4647143060 Valagerehalli, ward No 159 Kengeri Range, Bangalore,** in **measuring East to West: 30-0 (Thirty) Feet and North to South: 40-0 (Forty) Feet, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet** consisting of R.C.C. roofed residential property constructed with cement blocks, mosaic tiles, jungle wood doors and windows with all civic amenities and bounded on : East by : BDA Property; West by : Property No. 117; North by : Earlier, private property, now a road formed by the BBMP; South by : Road.
Sri Punith S., Advocate,
R/o Shivanapura Village and Post, Dasanpura Hobli, Bengaluru
Phone No. 88920 04303

DOCUMENTS LOST

This is to inform the general public that my client **M/s Marriott Developers,** represented by its Partner Mr. Satish Kumar, No. 119, Saptagiri Nivasa, 4th Cross, 1st Main, Brindavan Layout, Kavalbyrasandra, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore do hereby inform to the general public that on 21-02-2025, while I was travelling near Kavalbyrasandra, RT Nagar, I have lost the bag containing the following documents 1) Sale Deed, Chikkaputtaiah Documents, Vide Doc. No. 7981/2006-07, dated 07-11-2005. 2) Sale Deed - Patalappa - Vide Doc. No. 2527/2007-08, dated 06-07-2007. 3) Cancellation GPA, vide Doc. No. 358/2016-17, dated 02-12-2016. 4) Sale Deed - C Narayaswamy, vide Doc. NO. 3382/2017-18, Dated: 02-12-2016. 5) Site Release Order, dated 4-1-2025, DPA/TP/LAO/12/2022-23. 6) Partition Deed dated 23.05.2008, of 1) Eshwarappa, 2) Sri Siddalinga, 3) Smt. Sunandamma, 1st Wife of Late Mallanna, Late Muniyamma, 2nd wife of Late Mallannaa, Smt. Erakempamma. 7) Partnership Deed - Rajesh Kumar & Satish Kumar, dated 01-11-2014.
Inspite of my clients best efforts, could not find the same and in this regard on 07-04-2025, he had lodged online complaint at Police Unit, Bengaluru City, Vide Lost Report No. 1554646/2025. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address or contact on 9972998855.
SHYAM SUNDAR, Advocate
No.301-A, 3rd Floor, Brigade Majestic, 1st Main, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560 009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the public that **I B Kishor,** aged about 33 years, S/o Sri.BM Reddy, R/at New No.44, (old No.2222), 7th Cross, 5th Main, Om Shakthi temple, Papaiah Grape garden, KEB Road, Kammanahalli, Bangalore 560043, intends in acquiring from Sri. C.T. Srinivas, aged about 76 years, S/o Late C.P.Thanaskoty, R/at Flat No.301, North Star Leela, 6-1-120, Padmarao Nagar, Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Telengana 50025, his estate known as Villa No.16, in Site / Plot bearing No.16, and Khata No.330, (in the records of City Municipal Council, Mahadevapura) situated in White field, Krishnarajapuram, Hobli, Bangalore East taluk, totally measuring 5180 Square feet, and having a super built up area of 3030 square feet and bounded on the **East by:** Plot No.17 and khata No.316 in "Chaitanya Armadale", **West by:** Road in "Chaitanya Armadale", **North by:** Road in "Chaitanya Armadale" and **South by:** Plot No.15 and Khata No.331 in Chaitanya Armadale.
Any person having any right, title, interest, claim, or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing, along with documentary proof thereof, to me the undersigned at Bangalore within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.
Failing to do so, the undersigned will presume that no adverse claims or objections concerning the said property exist, and the purchase transaction will be completed without any reference to such claims.
Sri. B Kishor,
S/o Sri.BM Reddy, R/at New No.44, (old No.2222), 7th Cross, 5th Main, Om Shakthi temple, Papaiah Grape garden, KEB Road, Kammanahalli, Bangalore 560043.
Mobile: 9686266993.
E-Mail: kishorreddy234@gmail.com

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE
P & SC. No. 82/2025

PETITIONER : 1. SMT. HAMSA .M, W/o Venkatesh, D/o late Lakshmi, Aged about 56 years, Residing at No. 19, 8th 'A' Cross, Cholurpalya, Bangalore-560023.
2. SMT. KALAVATHI .M W/o Ganesh, D/o late Lakshmi, Aged about 57 years, Residing at No. 23/1, 4th Cross, Cholurpalya, Bangalore-560023.
3. SMT. KASTURI BALASUNDARAM .M W/o Balasundaram, D/o late Lakshmi, Aged about 55 years, Residing at No.153, K.P. Agrahara, Nethajinagar, Bangalore-560023.
Vs.
RESPONDENT : NIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner above named have filed the petition under section 276 & 372(1) of the Indian Succession Act 1925, seeking issue probate and succession certificate in respect of the schedule property for the proper administration of the schedule properties as per will dated 04/10/2023 executed by Smt. Lakshmi who died on 14/11/2023. The petitioners are daughters of late Smt. Lakshmi.
Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before the XIX Addl. City Civil Sessions Judge at Bangalore (CCH-18), in person or by a pleader **on 11.06.2025 at 11.a.m** to hearing of the said petition and to answer the claim, falling to which the petition would be disposed of Exparte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 1/1, (old No. 3/1), 9th Main Road, Mariyappanapalya, Near Eshwara Temple, Magadi Road, K.P. Agrahara, Bangalore-560023, consisting RCC and AC sheet building with ground, first and second floor with all civil amenities like water, drainage and Bescom electric connection with separate meters and measuring East to West 24.6 feet, North to South 23 feet. Bounded on :- East by cross road, West by A. Bhaskar House, North by 9th Main Road, South by Shanthnayak B.Y. House.
Given under my hand and seal of the court this the 9th day of April 2025
By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
M.N. Krishna, B.A.L., LL.B.,
Advocate for Petitioner
KK Law Associates, No.947/168, First Floor, 2nd Main, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-10. Mob; 9845374768
Email : krishnamn51@gmail.com

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA
NIRMAN SOUDHA, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR
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INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)
File No.B-I-Home-17/2025 No.15926 Dt.19th April, 2025
INVITATION FOR BIDS
B-39 Bid Identification No. C.E. (B) - 03 / 2025-26

1.	The Chief Engineer (Buildings-II), Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of Works Deptt., Govt. of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE only.		
2.	Nature of work	:	Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Audio, Video System 1 No. of Mini Class Room, 1 No. of Large Class Room at 4th Floor, Judicial Academy, Cuttack.
3.	No. of work	:	01 No.
4.	Bid Cost.	:	₹ 10,000/-
5.	Class of Contractor	:	MV/HT/Specialized agency with associate electrical contractor having valid license from ELBO/ OEM having joint venture with electrical contractor having valid license from ELBO.
6.	Availability of Bid Documents in the website	:	From dt.25.04.2025 to 17:00 hours of dt.08.05.2025.
7.	Date of Opening of Bid	:	Dt.09.05.2025 at 11:30 AM.
8.	The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.		

OIPR-34117/11/0082/2526 Sd/-Chief Engineer (Buildings-II), Odisha, Bhubaneswar

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Gold set to cross ₹1L mark on weak dollar

Surge in yellow metal is on the back of weakening dollar and global uncertainties over Trump's imposition of tariffs

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

WITH the international gold prices crossing $3,400/ounce-mark on Monday, the domestic prices are likely to cross the psychological mark of ₹1,00,000/10 grams on Tuesday as dollar continued to face headwinds.

The greenback was at a three-year low on Monday against the key other currencies amid escalation in tariff war. In Delhi, the yellow metal rose to ₹99,800 (24 carat) on Monday.

At 4:15 pm, Monday, the safe haven metal was trading at $3,415/ounce (an ounce is 28.35 grams) on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, which is 2.7% higher than the previous close. This means that the metal will open for trade on Tuesday well-above the psychological mark of ₹1,00,000/10 grams or to be precise at ₹1,03,293.

Renisha Chainani of Augmont Gold, told TNIE he expects the next resistance level for gold at $3,500/ounce. As per the All-India Sarafa Association, the yellow metal of 99.9% purity reached ₹99,800/10 grams on Monday, up ₹1,650 on weak dollar and uncertainties over US-China trade. The All India Sarafa Association said 99.9% purity gold reached ₹99,800/10 grams on Monday after its value had declined ₹20 to close at ₹98,150 per 10 grams on Friday.

Gold of 99.5% purity surged ₹1,600 to hit a fresh peak of ₹99,300/10 grams in the local market, up from ₹97,700. So far this year, the metal has risen by ₹20,850, or 26.41% since December 31. Gold rose 15% in 2023, 22% in 2024 and 26.5% so far in 2025. From a monthly comparison, the metal was fetching a low $1,725/ounce in April 2021, which rose to $1,920 in April 2022, further rose to $2,000 in April 2023, $2,350 in April 2024 and $3,368 in April (16) 2025, about 90% rally in just five years.

Silver prices appreciated by ₹500 to ₹98,500/kg on Monday. The metal had traded flat at ₹98,000 on Friday. "This year, gold and silver prices have experienced major movements due to ongoing trade tensions, rate cut expectations, geopolitical uncertainties and a weakening dollar. So far, gold has soared over 26%, including a 6% gain since April 2 tariff announcement by the US," said Satish Dondapati, a fund manager at Kotak Mahindra AMC.

On the Multi-Commodity Exchange, gold futures for June delivery jumped ₹1,621, or 1.7%, to touch a fresh high of ₹96,875. "There has been increased buying activity among ETF investors, while upcoming festive demand in India is seen fulling additional support," said Pranav Mer, VP, commodity & currency research at JM Financial Services. Dollar fell to a three-year low and safe-haven buying intensified after US president Donald Trump issued a fresh threat to fire Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell.

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DOLLAR FELL TO THREE-YEAR LOW AND SAFE-HAVEN BUYING INTENSIFIED AFTER US PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP ISSUED FRESH THREAT TO FIRE FED CHAIRMAN JEROME POWELL

Mkts gain for 5th session on trade talks, corp earnings

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity markets continued their upward momentum for the fifth straight session on Monday, driven by robust Q4FY25 earnings from major private lenders like ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank. Optimism over ongoing India-US trade talks and renewed buying by foreign institutional investors (FIIs) further fuelled the rally.

The BSE Sensex surged 855.30 points (1.09%) to close at 79,408.50, while the Nifty50 gained 273.90 points (1.15%) to settle at 24,125.55. Broader markets also shone, with the Nifty Midcap100 and Nifty Smallcap100 rising 2.50% and 2.21%, respectively.

Over the past five sessions, the Sensex has rallied 5,500 points and the Nifty has climbed 1,700 points, marking a 7% recovery from the recent sell-off triggered by US tariff concerns.

The Nifty Bank index emerged as the star performer on Monday, scaling a record high of 55,461, buoyed by impressive quarterly results from ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, and Yes Bank. Shares of HDFC Bank jumped nearly 2% to hit an all-time high of ₹1,950.70 on the NSE. Similarly, ICICI Bank, the country's second-largest private sector lender, jumped around 2 per cent to hit all-time high of ₹1,436.

Among other sectoral indices, the Nifty IT surged 2.5%, led by strong moves in Tech Mahindra and HCL Tech. Nifty Auto advanced over 2%, while Metal, Oil & Gas, PSU Bank, and Realty indices each posted gains exceeding 2%.

"The bulls took over, which led the Nifty to cross 24k in the third attempt over the last 3 months and fuelled Bank Nifty to touch a new high. The possibility of a bilateral trade agreement with the US is adding optimism in the market," Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Investments.

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Vinod Nair of Geojit Investments

Market optimism was further lifted by the potential India-US trade deal, with US Vice President JD Vance beginning a four-day visit to India today. The government is keen to avert steep US tariffs, the implementation of which has already been deferred by three months.

Nair added that a better results from bank stocks owing to improved asset quality and credit growth attracted investors. A contrarian bet on IT due to its attractive valuation with an expectation of improvement in spending in the latter half of FY26 is keeping the counter busy. FIIs also made a grand comeback in the Indian market with their net purchase reported at ₹14,670 crore in the last three trading sessions (excluding Monday).

Airtel adds 1.65 million users in Jan; Vi, BSNL lose subscribers

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BHARTI AIRTEL, country's second-largest telecom service provider, gained the maximum number of, 1.65 million, customers in January 2025, followed by Reliance Jio, which added 0.68 million.

As per the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, Vodafone Idea, third-largest telco, continued to lose subscribers, losing 1.33 million users in January. Its subscriber count dropped to 205.92 million, with its market share falling to 17.89%. BSNL also saw a decline, losing 369,665 users and ending the month with 91.57 million subscribers and a 7.95% share.

With these subscriber additions, Jio holds a 40.46% market share with 465.8 million wireless subscribers, Bharti Airtel holds a 33.61% market share with 386.96 million wireless subscribers, BSNL holds a 7.95% market share with 91.58 million wireless subscribers, and MTNL holds a 0.09% market share with 1.0023 million wireless subscribers.

In terms of active users, out of the total 1,151.29 million wireless subscribers, 1,065.01 million were active on the date of peak VLR (Visitor Location Register) in January 2025, according to TRAI. Airtel reported a peak VLR of 99.94% during the month, meaning out of its 386.96 million users, 386.74 million are active on the network. BSNL had 61.55%, Vodafone Idea (Vi) had 85.39%, MTNL had 48.31%, and Reliance Jio had 95.66%.

Tariff impact: Retail, mfg verticals worst hit for IT cos

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

FOR IT services companies, verticals such as retail, manufacturing and logistics will be worst hit due to US tariffs.

Nearly 13.3% of Infosys' revenue comes from its retail segment, which saw -2.6% year-on-year de-growth in CC terms for the quarter ended March 2025. For Wipro, BFSI de-growth was 0.5% sequentially and healthcare degrowth at 3.1%. Consumer degrowth was at 1.3% sequentially, technology & communication de-growth at 0.9% QoQ and energy, manufacturing and resources grew 1.1% sequentially and saw degrowth of 7% YoY. The country's largest IT services firm Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) saw delays in discretionary projects, especially in the US.

"This was driven by the major drop in consumer sentiment in February, which preceded changes in global trade and tariffs creating a domino effect on retail CPG (Consumer Packaged Goods) and TTH (Travel, Transportation and Hospitality) industries," said TCS CEO and MD K Krithivasan recently at the company's earnings conference.

He also said retail, CPG, airlines and travel hospitality are seeing more impact. "Similarly, there is an impact in the auto sub segment within manufacturing. But if you take BFSI, by and large the segment is doing okay. There is some softness in insurance," he added. For TCS, BFSI business grew 2.5% in Q4, consumer business was down 0.2% and manufacturing business was down 2.9%. Salil Parekh, CEO and MD, Infosys, in a post-earnings conference recently pointed out that we are in an uncertain environment. He added that given the current situation, there will be some impact on consumer products.

Recently, in a report Jefferies pointed out that given the reliance on global supply chains, tariff uncertainties are likely to impact retail, manufacturing and logistics verticals. Wipro CEO Srini Pallia said a large transformation project was paused by a client in Q4. "The global industry environment remained uncertain for most of the year, and the recent tariff announcements have only added to that. Even though the underlying demand for tech reinvention remains strong, clients are approaching it more cautiously. They are focused on cost, speed, and AI-led efficiency," he said recently.

Cash burn to drop 80% in 2025: Unacademy CEO

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

EDTECH firm Unacademy, which aims to make the core business profitable soon, has seen major improvement in cash burn in its business. The firm's co-founder and CEO Gaurav Munjal in the town hall meeting said, "Three years ago we used to burn more than ₹1,000 crore (in core biz), this CY it will be under ₹200 crore. This is half of what we did last year."

He added that they are in "Default Alive State with ₹1,200 crore in the bank." Last year in July as part of the company's efforts to streamline operations and enhance business efficiency, it underwent a restructuring exercise and laid off 250 employees. The company had said that it was necessary keeping in mind the company's goals and vision for the year.

The co-founder added that some of its businesses are generating cash each month like Graphy and PrepLadder. He stated that any edtech that goes after multiple acquisitions to grow is bound to fail. "It just doesn't work in this market. So keeping the "Blinders on" and not worrying about who is acquiring whom and focusing on profit is the only way to go," he added in a post on LinkedIn. Also, about 70% of its offline centres will be profitable at a centre Level this year.

Banks get breather on LCR until next financial yr

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

IN a big relief to banks, which have been facing liquidity issues, the Reserve Bank on Monday put off implementation of new tighter liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) to April 1, 2026.

Apart from these, the regulator eased the present norms on the run-off rates to 2.5% for internet and mobile banking enabled retail and small business customer deposits and for wholesale funding from other entities to a lower 40% from 100% currently.

The RBI's move comes amid the slowing credit growth and slower deposit accretion. Had it been implemented as planned it would lead to further slowdown in both liabilities and assets side, feared banking players. Analysts pointed out that tighter LCR norms would have forced banks to prioritise holding high quality liquid assets and not credit growth.

The RBI had issued a draft circular on July 25, 2024, on Basel III framework on liquidity standards – liquidity coverage ratio – review of haircuts on high-quality liquid assets and run-off rates on certain categories of deposits, proposing amendments to LCR framework. After analysing feedbacks, the RBI on Monday issued the final guidelines under which "a bank shall assign additional run-off rates of 2.5% to Internet and mobile banking-enabled retail and small business customer deposits; and adjust the market value of government securities with haircuts in line with margin requirements under liquidity adjustment facility and marginal standing facility."

"In addition, the final guidelines rationalise the composition of wholesale funding from other non-financial legal entities like trusts (educational, charitable and religious), partnerships, LLPs, etc shall attract a lower run-off rate of 40% as against 100% currently," the regulator said in a circular.

On the impact of these measures (based on data submitted by banks as of Dec 2024) is estimated that "net impact of these measures will improve systemwide LCR by 6 percentage points as of that date." The RBI is hopeful these measures will enhance liquidity of banks, and align the guidelines with the global standards in a non-disruptive manner, it said.

Gensol crisis may dent India's image temporarily

UMA KANNAN & ARSHAD KHAN @ Bengaluru/New Delhi

THE ongoing crisis at Gensol Engineering (GEL) and BluSmart could temporarily hurt India's appeal among investors. However, venture capitalists (VCs) and industry insiders TNIE spoke to said the episode serves as a lesson for start-ups to strengthen corporate governance and audit mechanisms.

"Gensol is a listed company, governed by a board and comes under listing guidelines. However, there has been a miss on early signals which the board or the CFO should have highlighted," said Anil Joshi, managing partner, Unicorn India Ventures. He said there is a need for strong internal audit mechanisms and an overlooking panel which can question such transactions. "From Blusmart's perspective, dependence on a single vendor and a related party was a big issue and perhaps VC/investor missed correcting it due to growth perspective," he added.

BluSmart has raised about $182.05 million across 11 funding rounds from investors including BP Ventures, Stride Ventures and Panthera Capital. Gensol had also availed loans from state-run institutions like PFC and IREDAI, which as per Sebi's finding has been diverted by promoters for personal expenses. Milan Sharma, founder and MD of 35North Ventures, said when a crisis of this nature arises, VCs must act swiftly. Sharma added in the short-term this might affect start-up funding as such incidents shake investor confidence, mainly among global LPs and institutional players who are already cautious due to macroeconomic volatility.

Nikhil Anand Khurana, MD and CEO of Folks Motor, said BluSmart revelation is disheartening and will impact credibility of new-age start-ups. "This incident may momentarily shake investor resolve, but they also serve as lessons that can strengthen ecosystem," added Khurana. Akshay Shekhar, CEO & co-founder of Kazam, said robust corporate governance and financial transparency are going to become priority for many investors and start-ups. Shekhar stated the path forward will involve due diligence.

Launching a crackdown on Gensol, Sebi barred the renewable energy firm and two of its promoters - Anmol Singh Jaggi and Puneet Singh Jaggi - from the markets till further orders in a fund diversion and governance lapses case. Amitabh Kant, former CEO of NITI Aayog, on Sunday, appealed to VCs and investors to stay alert to early red flags and said it is a collective responsibility to ensure that instances like the BluSmart episode remain isolated exceptions.

PFC to declare Gensol account as fraudulent

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

POWER Finance Corporation is exploring various options, including declaring Gensol's account as fraudulent, due to alleged financial irregularities.

As per the company sources, PFC plans to approach various legal and regulatory bodies, including the Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT), National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO), and Economic Offences Wing (EOW). They said that PFC will utilize DRT and NCLT to recover the outstanding loan amount from Gensol, while SFIO and EOW will handle the criminal investigation aspects. The company is expected to finalize its decision and officially declare Gensol's account as fraudulent within the next week.

Gensol and BluSmart are promoted by brothers Anmol Singh Jaggi and Puneet Singh Jaggi, who are facing regulatory action by the Sebi over allegations of fund diversion.

ROSETTA INVESTS ₹600 CRORE TOWARDS LEISURE MARKET PUSH

HRITHIK KIRAN BAGADE @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU-headquartered Rosetta Resorts & Holiday Homes has committed an outlay of Rs 600 crore over the next four years to solidify its presence in India's leisure hospitality market. The company currently owns and operates resorts in Sakleshpur and Goa, with plans to expand both properties.

Rosetta launched its first resort in Sakleshpur in 2021, a 126-key property set within a coffee plantation it owns. "The company is now constructing 100 self-sustained, 3 & 4-bedroom holiday homes within the same resort, which will be sold to customers, who will then have the option to lease them back to Rosetta, thereby expanding inventory without incurring additional capex. In South Goa, Rosetta owns a 75-key resort in Varca, which has been operational for a year. This property is being expanded by a further 68 1-bedroom suites at an outlay of Rs 100 crore, and is expected to be operational two years from now. On completion, there will be 143 keys here," Rosetta CMD **Errol Fernandes** told *TNIE*.

Additionally, Rosetta, part of realty major Ferns Estates, is constructing a 130-key resort at its 10-acre Ferns Forest View gated community premises in Kalyapura, Chikkaballapur, which is slated to be ready in 2.5 years. The outlay for this project is Rs 160 crore, funded by a debt of Rs 75 crore from Bajaj Housing Finance Limited. So far, Rosetta has invested Rs 200 crore in Sakleshpur and Rs 100 crore in Goa, with another Rs 300 crore earmarked for expansion over the next four years. Of the Rs 600 crore outlay, Rs 450 crore will be funded through internal accruals, while the remaining Rs 150 crore has been raised via debt from Bajaj Housing Finance Limited.

"Rosetta is also expanding through an asset-light model, wherein it's taking properties on lease-cum-revenue share basis, instead of the traditional operations and management model. We invest in working capital on these leased properties towards refurbishment, manpower, sales, and marketing, and pre-opex expenditure. A typical lease term for this is 20-50 years, and we pay a rental to the owner," Rosetta JMD and CEO Jai Sreedhar explained. Accordingly, the company is eyeing resorts in Rajasthan, which have been acquired by an international private equity firm, and is under negotiation. The investment in these properties will be generated from internal accruals.

The company is also negotiating the lease of greenfield properties in Yercaud, consisting of 70 luxury suites, and another luxury 100-key resort in Mamallapuram, under the revenue-share model. Notably, the Rs 600-crore investment plan excludes leased properties, focusing solely on owned assets.

Today, Rosetta operates under two brands. 'Rosetta' for luxury properties, with room rates at around Rs 25,000 per night; and lifestyle-oriented 'Elements by Rosetta', offering stays at Rs 12,000-14,000 per night. In FY2024-25, Rosetta clocked Rs 75 crore in turnover, between Goa and Sakleshpur, and is eyeing Rs 100 crore this fiscal.

I regret having played cricket: Azharuddin

Mohammad Azharuddin is clearly upset following the Hyderabad Cricket Association's decision to remove his name from a stand at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Uppal. "It pains me deeply to say this, but I sometimes regret having played cricket (...). It's a complete disgrace to the sport," Azharuddin was quoted saying by *IANS*.

Iyer and Kishan back in BCCI's central contract

Duo's return to cricket body's list the main talking point; Pant promoted to Grade A

GOMESH S @Chennai

SHREYAS Iyer and Ishan Kishan made their way back into the central contracts as the BCCI announced the list for the ongoing international season (it's set to conclude on September 30, 2025). Among other talking points, keeper-batter Rishab Pant was promoted from Grade B to A after his comeback season with the Indian team.

It had been in the works for a while and there are few surprises, but the return of Iyer and Kishan remain the biggest highlight in the list. The duo, who despite fulfilling the minimum quota of matches for a contract on a pro rata basis, were left out of the central contracts in 2023-24. This omission came after the duo missed a round of domestic games.

Shreyas Iyer

Ishan Kishan

Since then, Iyer, an integral cog in the ODI team, played a crucial role in India's road to title at the ICC Champions Trophy. Which is why, his inclusion in the Grade B category comes as no surprise. Meanwhile, Kishan hasn't played for India since November 2023 and when the 2024 season began, it seemed like he had a long hard road in front of him. His inclusion in Grade C, despite not playing a single game in the season, comes as a big boost for the southpaw who is trying to make a mark in the shortest format.

Apart from Kishan, as many as 18 other players have been drafted in the Grade C category. Most of them would be automatic qualification on pro rata basis (minimum of 3 Tests or 8 ODIs or 10 T20Is within the specified period), especially in the shortest format.

Among the senior pros, there is little change except Pant replacing R Ashwin in Grade B. The A+ category remains the same with Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Jasprit Bumrah and Ravindra Jadeja — four players who feature in at least two formats predominantly. Even though this is a list for the 2024-25 season, it is interesting to see both Rohit and Kohli in A+ category. The future of the two veteran batters were the most discussed topic in the lead up to the Champions Trophy but both of them made it clear in the weeks that followed that they were still keen on playing the two longer formats. The picture will become clear over the next few weeks when the BCCI selects the squad for the five-match Test series in England. The other thing to note about the latest announcement is that the BCCI did not mention any fast bowling contracts which they had mentioned last season. Apart from Akash Deep, who now has a Grade C contract, there is no official information yet on whether the other four pacers — who were awarded fast bowling contracts — have been offered any sort of contract.

The BCCI haven't made a mention of the remuneration the contracts correspond to but it's reported to be ₹7 cr (Grade A+), ₹5 cr (Grade A), ₹3 cr (Grade B) and ₹1 cr (Grade C).

INDIA MEN CENTRAL CONTRACT 2024-25

A+ CATEGORY: Rohit, Kohli, Bumrah, Jadeja; **A CATEGORY:** Siraj, Rahul, Gill, Hardik, Shami, Pant; **B CATEGORY:** Yadav, Kuldeep, Axar, Jaiswal, Iyer; **C CATEGORY:** Rinku, Tilak, Gaikwad, Dube, Bishnoi, Sundar, Mukesh, Samson, Arshdeep, Prasidh, Patidar, Jurel, Sarfaraz, Nitish, Kishan, Abhishek, Akash Deep, Varun, Rana.

NC Classic shifted to B'luru, Arshad yet to confirm

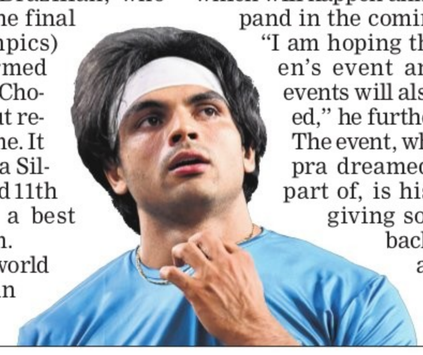
CHANDRA PRABHU @Chennai

TWO-TIME Olympic and world championships medallist Neeraj Chopra on Monday confirmed that the maiden edition of the Neeraj Chopra Classic Javelin Throw will take place in Bengaluru instead of Panchkula in Haryana. He also announced that some of the star men javelin throwers would be part of the event and Olympic gold medallist Arshad Nadeem from Pakistan too has been invited.

The event has been shifted from the Tau Devi Lal stadium due to inadequate lighting according to the World Athletics standards, Neeraj said during an virtual press conference. The Classics will take place at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium on May 24 and will be hosted by Chopra, in association with the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) and World Athletics. He will be supported by the sports ministry and the state government as well. The event is yet to be listed on the WA website's calendar section.

"I wanted the event in Panchkula but there are certain issues related to lighting at the stadium there. The light required to meet the standard takes time to be installed," he added. He confirmed participation of a few famous names like two-time world champion and Olympic medallist Anderson Peters and 2016 Rio Olympic gold medallist Thomas Rohler. Season leader with 87.67m throw American Curtis Thompson has confirmed participation. Chopra will also take part in the one-day event. He started the season by recording a 84.52m throw at the Potch Invitational Meet in Potchefstroom event in South Africa last week.

Nadeem is yet to confirm his participation. "I have sent invitation to Arshad and he said he will get back to me after discussing with his coach," Chopra told reporters. "A Brazilian, who qualified for the final in (Paris Olympics) has also confirmed participation," Chopra said without revealing the name. It could be Luiz da Silva, who finished 11th in Paris with a best throw of 80.67m.



Along with world beaters, Indian throwers are set to participate too. "I spoke with Rohit (Yadav) and three to four Indians will be competing. It will be a very good opportunity to get ranking points for World Championships in Tokyo (in September)."

Although this edition will feature only men's javelin, Neeraj hopes to see this iteration, which will happen annually, expand in the coming years.

"I am hoping that women's event and other events will also be added," he further stated. The event, which Chopra dreamed to be a part of, is his way of giving something back to Indian athletics. "I am very excited. I have won Olympic and other medals for the country. With this event, I am giving back something to Indian athletics, to Indian athletes and the fans."

Chopra also hoped that Diamond league events will take place in India soon. "We have the stadium to host DL Meetings, and it will be good for World Athletics also to spread athletics. They know that athletics is growing in India," he added. This is in context to the Diamond League slated to happen in Doha, Qatar next month. He also confirmed that fan attendance is allowed, with tickets set to be open in different stands. "The fans should feel the ticket price is worth the enjoyment of watching the event," Chopra concluded.

GT's top three show up once again

ENS @Chennai

GUJARAT Titans' top-three once again paved the way for the franchise to enjoy a win in the Indian Premier League (IPL).

On Monday, against Kolkata Knight Riders at the Eden Gardens, Titans top-three made the bulk of the scoring to finish with 198/3 in their 20 overs. B Sai Sudharsan, Jos Buttler and Shubman Gill are, at least in theory, three anchors and you seldom have three anchors at the top. But it has worked so far because they have been so consistent. With a gun bowling attack, there's no need to go in chase of above-par totals. Here, they combined for 183 off 114 balls. The hosts, who have struggled to replace Phil Salt's thrust at the top in 2025, decided to give Rahmanullah Gurbaz a go in place of Quinton de Kock.

The Afghanistan keeper perished early. Post that, it was a strange chase in that none of the batters were able to get going on a surface that had something in it for the bowlers but it also had quick runs. It never really came together for the hosts as evidenced by painstaking knocks from Sunil Narine (17 off 13), Ajinkya Rahane (50 off 36) and Venkatesh Iyer (14 off 19). All three of them struggled in the crucial middle phase of the innings. Rinku Singh, who has good memories of chasing down a tall total against the same opponents, and Andre Russell, if anything a more destructive finisher, had the firepower to chase down 108 from 45. But the wicket was turning and variable bounce on offer, trending on the slower side. Once Rashid Khan dismissed Russell, it was all over.

Shubman Gill's 90 off 55 balls helped Gujarat Titans post a competitive total | AP

Brief scores: GT 198/3 in 20 ovs (Gill 90, Sai Sudharsan 52; Arora 1/44) **bt** KKR 159/8 in 20 ovs (Rahane 50, Rashid 2/25).

BATTLES WITHIN THE CONTEST

TWO TEAMS IN THE TOP-HALF, LUCKNOW AND DELHI, FACE EACH OTHER IN TUESDAY'S INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE ENCOUNTER. A LOOK...

RISHABH'S BATTING UNDER SCANNER

Rishabh Pant featured as a batter in last year's T20 World Cup. Since then, though, he has not played a T20I. Over the first half of this year's IPL, he hasn't done enough to even put his name in the ring. There may not be major trends behind his dismissals but nothing seems to be working. And it is becoming a concern for LSG. Very simply, Pant the captain would have dropped Pant the batter.

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NO OF RUNS PANT HAS SCORED THIS SEASON, ACROSS SEVEN GAMES WHILE STRIKING AT 98.14

KULDEEP VS POORAN

Nicholas Pooran has been destructive against all bowling types, but more so against the slower bowlers. He's averaging 94.5 while scoring 270 runs every 100 balls faced. Those numbers have allowed Lucknow to win the game in the middle overs. They will try to do the same thing on Tuesday but Kuldeep Yadav has been virtually unhittable this season. He's second for wickets (12), eighth for dots (68), second for economy (6.25, minimum 10 overs bowled) and second for average (14.58, minimum 10 overs). It's unstoppable force vs immovable object.

LUCKNOW SUPER GIANTS vs DELHI CAPITALS @ LUCKNOW

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS & JIOHOTSTAR, 7.30 PM

Batters should convert starts into big scores: Ex-India pro Raju

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

FORMER India spinner and national selector, Venkatapathy Raju, echoed Punjab Kings head coach Ricky Ponting's thoughts and insisted that adaptation is the key for the success in T20s. Punjab Kings lost to Royal Challengers Bengaluru after managing to post a sub-par total on Sunday afternoon.

A disappointed Ponting said that the pitch was better than that the youngsters should take a leaf out of Virat Kohli's — who anchored RCB's chase — book and convert the starts into big stores. Raju agreed with Ponting stating that it is crucial to convert starts into big scores. "I agree with Ponting that when a batter has spent some time in the middle and is aware of the conditions and has a good start he must convert them into a big score. As he said Virat was good and paced his innings well and finished the job," said Venkatapathy Raju. "In T20s, you do not have time to settle down. So when a well set batter gets out suddenly, the next man in has no time to settle down. Invariably, many a time he gets out while trying accelerate the run rate, which is not good for the team," added the former Hyderabad captain.

PBKS head coach Ricky Ponting, on Sunday, rued his side's inability to convert starts against RCB | AP

The one common things among the teams that linger at the bottom of the table is the top order's inability to put maximum runs in the powerplay. But Raju insists that there is method in madness and states that runs depend also on the wicket and the quality of the attack. "Runs that a team makes in the power play is important. One must first hang out there in the middle, have a feel of the surface and then indulge in power hitting," said Raju. "Again runs (in powerplay) also depends upon the wicket and quality of bowling of the opposition. So if the bowling is tight in powerplay, one must try to score in the middle overs."

EXPRESS READ

Boxers continue promising run

AMMAN: Indian boxers extended their winning streak at the Asian U-15 & U-17 Boxing meet with three emphatic victories on Day 2 of the competition here. Tikam Singh (52kg) dominated UAE's Ali Almesmari, sealing the bout with a RSC verdict. Udham Singh (54kg) and Rahul Gariya (57kg) also won their respective bouts to advance.

CAB red flags Bhogle and Doull

KOLKATA: Taking a strong exception to pubic criticism of their curator by Harsha Bhogle and Simon Doull, the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) has red flagged the two experts and requested the BCCI not to assign them commentary duty for Kolkata Knight Riders' home matches. Neither Bhogle nor Doull was on commentary duty during Monday's match.

Shooter Simranpreet wins silver

LIMA: Simranpreet Kaur Brar clinched the silver medal in the women's 25m pistol of the ongoing ISSF World Cup in Lima, Peru. The pistol shooter narrowly missed out on the top prize after shooting a total of 33 in the eight-woman final. China's Sun Yujie claimed gold. Double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker finished fourth.

Fed Cup Athletics: Sachin, Pranav shine

MANISHA VCS @Kochi

THE 28th National Federation Senior Athletic Championship kicked off in Kochi with two meet records and a handful of personal best performances. Army's long-distance runner Sawan Barwal touched the finish line in 28:57:13 seconds in men's 10,000m, breaching the 18-year-old meet record of 28:57:90 set by Surender Singh in 2007. "I could have done better in the race, but there was no-one to challenge me," he said, as the runner-up, Abhishek Pal of Railways, finished 36s behind. Both attained the qualifying standards for the Asian Championship to be held in Gumi, South Korea.

Drama unfolded in the 100m men's race where Pranav Pramod of Railways clinched gold with a personal best of 10.27s while national record holder Gurindervir Singh of Punjab finished last with a timing of 11.21s. Manikanta Hoblidar of Karnataka, after clocking meet record of 10.25s in the heats, finished third (10.35s). Animesh Kujur won silver (10.32s). The qualifying standard for Asian Championships in men's 100m is 10.25s. Gurindervir is the fastest man in India after smashing the national record with a timing of 10.20s in Indian GP-I in Bangaluru this year. Telangana's Nithya Gandhe became the fastest woman in the meet finishing 100m in 11.50 seconds. In women's 10,000m final, Maharashtra's Sanjivani Jadhav won gold with a time of 33:44:43s. Yoonus Shah of JSW won the men's 1500m (3:41:93s), also attaining qualifying mark for the Asian meet. The gold and silver medallists of women's 1500m, Lili Das of Uttarakhand and Pooja of Haryana, crossed the Asian qualification time of 4:15:00s. In women's pole vault, Pavithra Venkatesh of Tamil Nadu won gold.

Nithya Gandhe (c) won the women's 100m in Kochi on Monday | A SANESH

High five for javelin ace

Seven out of eighteen participants in men's 800g javelin crossed the Asian championship qualification mark of 75.36 seconds on the first day. Rising star Sachin Yadav of Uttar Pradesh, also the winner of National Games, won gold covering a distance of 83.86m in his fifth attempt. The conditions were just right for the 25-year-old to cross 80m thrice in six attempts. His best throw was in the police championship where he threw the javelin at 84.21m. "I was hoping to cross 85.50m to achieve the World Athletics Championship qualification mark, but missed it. I will try again for that," he said. Yashvir Singh of Railways with a distance of 80.85m was second and Sahil Silwal of Reliance managed 77.84m for bronze.

All eyes were on Kishore Kumar Jena, Olympian and a silver medalist at the Asian Games, but he disappointed yet again. He has been struggling since last year and is making a comeback after injury. He finished fourth clearing 77.15m in his second attempt. Three of his six throws were fouls.

Valverde stunner keeps Real in Liga title hunt

AGENCIES @Madrid

FEDE Valverde's superb 93rd minute strike kept Real Madrid on Barcelona's tail in the Spanish title race, earning the champions a 1-0 win over Athletic Bilbao on Sunday.

Madrid stayed four points behind Barca after Valverde smashed into the top corner with a sliced, swerving effort.

After Champions League elimination by Arsenal it looked like Madrid were set for another devastating result until the Uruguay international's stoppage-time intervention.

"Fede has such a good shot... in training yesterday he shot a ball that looked like it was going out and then it picked up a curl like that and you go 'how do you shoot like that?'" said Madrid goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois. "In training he does that once or twice a week."

Athletic Bilbao, who reached the Europa League semifinals on Thursday by beating Rangers, rotated heavily.

Despite that, the Basque side proved a hard nut for Madrid to crack, especially with their top goalscorer Kylian Mbappe both suspended and recovering from an ankle problem.

The forward was whistled by some fans for his failure to help the team overcome Arsenal in the Champions League quarterfinals in midweek when he was shown watching the game on the stadium screens.

Fede Valverde (R) celebrates after scoring against Athletic Bilbao | AP

"Valverde was key in this game because he scored the goal," said Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti. "The team was good, a bit slower in the first half but very good in the second. "We wanted to win, we wanted to react after the elimination against Arsenal — the team came through and Fede was the key player."

Vinicius, who was previously criticised by Ancelotti for lack of defensive work ethic, was running hard on the left, which fans at the Santiago Bernabeu appreciated.

Madrid's victory offers them hope of salvaging their season and a morale boost ahead of next weekend's Copa del Rey final against Barcelona.

Sudirman Cup: SatChi withdraw

AGENCIES @New Delhi

INDIA'S top men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty on Monday withdrew from the BWF Sudirman Cup Finals due to illness in a big blow to the country's prospects at the prestigious mixed team championship to be held in Xiamen, China from April 27 to May 4.

The World No 11 Indian duo was to return to action after an injury break but Badminton Association of India (BAI) announced that Satwik and Chirag will be missing the tournament. "Men's Doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy/ Chirag Shetty have withdrawn from the BWF Sudirman Cup Finals 2025 due to illness," the BAI said on Monday.

"No replacements will be added to the squad." Chirag had suffered a back injury during the second round of the All England Championships in March. The young pairing of Hariharan Amsakarunan and Ruban Kumar Rethinasabapathi will thus be the lone representation for India in the men's doubles category. PV Sindhu will spearhead India's challenge in women's singles along with Anupama Upadhyaya. Lakshya Sen and HS Prannoy will shoulder the responsibility in men's singles.

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DO YOU KNOW YOUR BODY'S NUTRIENT REQUIREMENTS?

ANNA JOSE @ Kochi

A few months ago, 35-year-old Zubin from Kochi went to the hospital with gastric issues. His food pattern was erratic and he led a sedentary lifestyle. "The patient was struggling with sleeplessness and other health ailments. Upon investigation, we found that his triglycerides, liver fat, and cholesterol levels were high. He was on the brink of developing diabetes and the gastric issues were the result of his routine," said Dr Manju George, chief dietician at VPS Lakeshore, Kochi, adding that the condition was reversed in three to four months with significant lifestyle changes and diet modifications.

Skipping breakfast, consumption of sugary foods, eating dinner late and snacking at midnight, along with the lack of physical activity, made him overweight as well. "Fatty liver and acidity were treated with the assistance of medications. We suggested a low-carbohydrate, high-protein, and low-fat food pattern. He was asked to drink more water and cut down on sugar, and have his dinner no later than 8pm," she added.

In the review after a month, it was noticed that he lost three kilos. He then started physical activity and also took acidity medications. After two months, there was a decrease of 7-8 kg in weight. The patient started to feel better with dietary changes.

According to Dr Manju, maintaining a consistent diet is necessary to reverse health conditions caused by poor diet, obesity, and overnutrition. "The term malnutrition is a double-edged sword now, as it denotes undernutrition and overnutrition. Earlier, we used to address the issue of underweight more. Now, with better accessibility and availability of food, and changing culture - the online delivery system and sedentary lifestyle - the number of people suffering from obesity and chronic diseases caused by overnutrition have been on the rise in India," she said.

According to the study 'Overnutrition among schoolchildren in India: a review and meta-analysis' published in the Lancet Global Health in March 2018, one in nine schoolchildren suffered from overnutrition.

According to the World Health Organisation, malnutrition refers to deficiencies or excesses in nutrient intake, imbalance of essential nutrients or impaired nutrient utilisation. The double burden of malnutrition includes undernutrition, overweight, and obesity, as well as diet-related non-communicable diseases.

According to Dr Sajana TM, a paediatrician at Aster Medcity, there has been a significant increase in the number of children and adolescents experiencing health issues related to overnutrition, particularly obesity. This trend poses serious health risks, including type-2 diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular diseases. The consumption of energy-dense, nutrient-poor foods, shift toward refined grains, which are often marketed directly to children through television, online platforms, and other media, have risen, influencing their food preferences and increasing the risk of obesity," she said.

Dr Nivedita P, head of department of clinical nutrition at Amrita Hospital, Kochi, said the first indication (of overnutrition) is insulin resistance - a condition when the body becomes more resistant to insulin, a hormone that regulates blood sugar levels. "Insulin resistance is mostly caused by the consumption of excessive calories through processed foods. Overnutrition can also lead to fatty liver, PCOS, type-2 diabetes, and other conditions. Recently, type-2 diabetes is being diagnosed at an early age," she said.

Obesity, which starts during childhood, is the most prevalent condition in children. "The incidence of childhood obesity is steadily rising in our population, paving the way for an alarming surge in lifestyle-related diseases such as type-2 diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular conditions at increasingly younger ages," she said, adding that addressing childhood obesity requires a critical focus on promoting balanced, nutritious, and age-appropriate diets.

Hidden hunger

Another form of malnutrition is hidden hunger (micronutrient deficiency), which is experienced by people having deficiency of iron, vitamin D, and other nutrients. "In most cases, the individual may not understand it. The condition is caused by the lack of essential vitamins and minerals, or micronutrients, in their diet. When a person experiences craving, it could be an indication of hidden hunger. In such cases, they should consult a doctor. Consuming excess food to satisfy hidden hunger cravings can cause other health issues," added Dr Manju.

When children with such impaired nutritional status enter adulthood, the situation turns ripe for lifestyle diseases considering today's changing food habits and sedentary lifestyle. This paves the way for metabolic diseases at an early age, leading to increased medical costs and less productivity.

The factors

The study 'Overnutrition: Current Scenario and Combat Strategies', published in the Indian Journal of Medical Research, has found that in about two decades, a two to three-fold increase in the cumulative prevalence of overweight/obesity was reported from the national population surveys in India.

"The widespread availability and consumption of HFSS (High in Fat, Salt, and Sugar) foods — including processed snacks, ultra-processed foods, sugary beverages, and fast food are the main culprits. They contribute significantly to unhealthy weight gain and metabolic imbalances in children. These foods are often energy-dense yet nutrient-poor, displacing healthier dietary options and fostering long-term eating habits that increase the risk of chronic diseases," said Dr Nivedita, adding that the number of food outlets has been increasing. Children these days are not able to control their temptation for junk foods and snacks.

Dr Sajana added that changes in family dynamics, such as reduced breastfeeding and increased reliance on processed foods, can influence children's weight. "Additionally, children from lower socioeconomic backgrounds may have limited access to healthy foods and safe spaces for physical activity, further increasing their risk of obesity. Emotional stressors, such as maternal depression or family stress, can affect children's eating behaviours and activity levels, potentially leading to obesity," she pointed out.

According to the NOVA food classification system, ultra-processed foods with industrial formulations are made entirely or mostly from substances extracted from foods derived from food constituents, or synthesised in laboratories from food substrates or other organic sources. It includes fatty, sweet, savoury or salty packaged snacks, pre-prepared (packaged) meat, fish and vegetables, biscuits (cookies), pre-prepared pizza and pasta dishes, ice creams and frozen desserts, flavoured yogurts, energy and sports drinks, and other similar food items.

Along with a healthy diet and physical activity, good sleep hygiene can help, according to Dr Sajana. "Proper sleep boosts immune function, attention span, and overall growth and development. Lack of sleep is linked to obesity, poor academic performance, and mood disorders. Reducing screen time encourages physical activity, social interaction, and better sleep," she added, emphasising that routine medical and dental visits allow for early detection of potential health issues.

Watch what you eat

- Consume home-cooked food whenever possible
- Restrict ordering food from restaurants
- Emphasise on consuming fruits, veggies
- Encourage having meals with family
- Try to prepare snacks for children at home
- Parents should teach kids what is healthy and not healthy by the time the child is able to identify food, maybe 4-5 years of age

What is NOVA food classification?

NOVA food classification system categorises foods by processing levels, highlighting the health impacts of ultra-processed foods on diet. According to the classification, ultra-processed foods include industrial formulations typically containing five or more ingredients, many of which are not commonly used in culinary preparations. The four classifications are:

- Unprocessed or minimally processed foods
- Processed culinary ingredients
- Processed foods
- Ultra-processed foods

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my clients / **Mr. HARSHITH GOWDA** and **Mr. SHOBHAN BABU.S.N** are entered into Agreement of Sale for the purchase of following lands:

Sl Nos.	SY NOS	Extent Acre - Gunta	East by:	West by :	North by :	South by :	Owner Name
1	162	0-36	Land in Sy No.161/1 belongs to Deepu and Madhu	Land belongs to Munivenkatappa	Land in same Sy No.162 belongs to Padmamma	Kurubarahalli Village Boundry	Mrs. Radhamma
2	162	0-36	Land in Sy No.161/1 belongs to Deepu and Madhu	Land belongs to Munivenkatappa	Land in same Sy No.162 belongs to Lalitha	Land in same Sy No.162 belongs to Radhamma	Mr. Shivakumar, Mr. N.Suresh Mr. B.N.Ravi
3	162	0-36	Land in Sy No.161/1 belongs to Deepu and Madhu	Land belongs to Munivenkatappa	Land in same Sy No.162 belongs to Kalavathi	Land in same Sy No.162 belongs to Padmamma	Mrs. Lalitha@ Lalithamma
4	162	0-36	Land in Sy No.161/1 belongs to Deepu and Madhu	Land belongs to Munivenkatappa	Groovin Green City Layout	Land in same Sy No.162 belongs to Kalavathi	Mrs. Bharathi N
5	161/1	1-00	Land belongs to Naraynaswamy	Land belongs to Radhamma and Others	Groovin Green City Layout	Kurubarahalli Village Boundry	Mr. M.DEEPU & Mr. MADHU.M

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My clients intends to purchase the below mentioned property from **Mr. HYDER ALI FATEH MOHAMED, Also Known as HYDER ALI F MODY,** aged about 79 years, S/o. Late Fateh Mohammed Noor Ahmed, Residing at No. 4, Bismilla Manzil, 4th Street, L.No.7, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru - 560025. Any person/s who have got any claim or right over the schedule property shall inform the under signed with documentary proof **within 10 days** hereof, failing which my client will proceed with the said transaction complying with all legal formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Agricultural Dry Land bearing Sy. No. 200, Block-55, situated at MARENAHALLI Village, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru and measuring 2-00 acres and bounded on the : **East by:** Puttamma, Doddamuniyappa & Others Lands, **West by:** Road, K. Teekaram & Munishamachari Property, **North by:** Chikkamuniyappa's Property, **South by:** C.M. Abdul Azeez Khan & Mohibulla Khan (Previous Vendors) Property.

N. DINAKAR, Advocate
6A, Ravish Complex, No.169, Armstrong Road, Veerapillai Street Cross, Bengaluru-560 001. Email: adv.dinakar@gmail.com Ph:98458 48777.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Smt. Pallavi Choudhury,** W/o late Pranay Deb Jha residing at No.C-101, Gopalan admiralty Square, 6th main, Off Double Road, Eshwar Layout, Indiranagar, Bengaluru -560038. that on 19.4.2025 while she was travelling near Nagavara palya has lost the document of the original 'WILL' and 'Testament' of Debapriya Mukherjee dated 10.9.1999, pertaining to property old No. 2-C/2. New No. 122/2, present No. 83-74-122/2 situated at Nagavarapalya, C.V. Raman Nagar ward, Bengaluru. In spite of best efforts she could not trace the same and in this regard on 19.4.2025 she had lodged Online Complaint at Police Unit, Bengaluru City vide Lost Report No. 1571327/2025. If anybody finds the above said document or in possession please hand over the same to the below mentioned and if any person have any claim or have any lawful objections to file in writing with the undersigned **within seven days** from the date of publication, if any objection there after will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

Municipal No. 2-C/2, New No. 122/2 -PIDNo. 83-74-122/2 situated at Nagavara palya, Bengaluru in all -measuring 3162 sq ft with building there on and bounded on **East by:** site No.3, **West by:** 25 ft private Road, **North by:** site No.2- C/1 and **South by:** Road.

N. BALAJI, Advocate
No. 176, R.V. Road, Chikkamavalli Bengaluru- 560004.

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
CIVIL ENGINEERING DIVISION: MYSURU

No: KST/EEM/JE/54/2025-26 **Date: 21.04.2025**

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No: 15/2025-26

Itemwise tenders are invited for the notification No. 15/2025-26 work mentioned below as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement at KTPP Ordinance at 1999, and Rules 2000 from the appropriate class of Civil Contractors in KPWD and CPWD as mentioned below through E-Procurement. The Contracors/firms will have to upload all requied information, documents and rates etc., in the website only. i.e. **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. No documents will be accepted manually.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approximate amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)
1.	Construction of Automated Driving Test Track for the RTO, Nagamangala **(Call-02)**	**582.29**	8,73,435/-

1. Last date for receipt of tenders: **02.05.2025.** 2. Interested Bidders can login to the website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for details **on or after 22.04.2025.** 3. Any other information required can be had from the Office of the Executive Engineer, KSRTC, Nelson Mandela Road, Bannimantapa, Mysuru during working hours. Telephone No: 0821-2498828.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KSRTC, CE Division, Mysuru

DIPR/CP/290/MAA/2025-26

DCB Bank Ltd,
650/12, BEE EM Avenue, Dr. Raj Kumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010

DCB BANK

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **DCB Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice under section 13(2) of the said Act, 2002, calling upon the borrowers / co- borrowers as mentioned in column no. 3 to repay the amount mentioned in the said Demand Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers and co- borrowers having failed to repay the amount as mentioned in column no. 6, notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possessions of the property as described herein below in column no. 4 in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said Rules,

Sr. No	LOAN ACCOUNT	BORROWERS/ CO-BORROWERS	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	AMOUNT DEMANDED	DATE OF POSSESSION
1	DRHLRJN00503867	1. Mr. S RAJESHA 2. Mrs.G MEGANA	13-06-2024	**Rs.72,98,992/-** (Rupee Seventy Two Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Two Only)	21/04/2025
DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSETS: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No. 34, Khata No. 25/1 , Situated at Seegehalli Village , krishnarajapuram Hobli , Bangalore East Taluk , measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet in all measuring 1200 Sq.feet and bounded on : East By : Radhakrishna Property , West By : Site No 35 , North By : Road , South By : Parvathamma Property					
2	DRHLRJN00611420	1. Mr. Shylesh Churipard R & 2. Mrs. Shyni Churipard R	10-02-2025	**Rs:32,15,464/-** (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Four Only)	21/04/2025
DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSETS: "All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Flat no.304 on the Second Floor, of the multi storied residential unit known as "SHRI KANAKA MAHALAKSHMI HOMES", with 716 sq.ft., of super built up area and 263 sq.ft., of UDS, along with undivided right in parking area constructed on converted land bearing Sy.No.11/3, measuring 8 guntas, situated at Vaderahalli Village, Yalahanka Hobli, Bangalore North (Addl) Taluk, Bangalore, and bounded on: East by:Flat No.305, West by:Flat No.303, North by:Passage and Open area, South by:Private Property.					
3	DRHLELE00423656	1.Mr THIRTHASWAMY H S 2.Ms BHAVYA B R	06-12-2024	**Rs. 14,86,161/-** (Rupee Fourteen Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand One Hundred and Sixty One Only)	21/04/2025
DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSETS: "All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 1294, (Shree Renukayellamma Block Khatha No. 1294/218 Property No. 218) Situated at Hullahalli Village , Jigani hobli, Anekal Talik, Bangalore and bounded on : East By : Site No. 1293, West By : Site No. 1295, North By : Site No. 1289, South By : Road.Measuring East To West 30 Ft, and North To South 40 Feet."					

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid property and any dealing with the said property will be subject to the charge of the DCB Bank Ltd. for the amount mentioned therein and further interest and cost thereon.

Date: 22-04-2025
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer,
DCB Bank Limited

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Chief Commissioner, Annex Building-1, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002

No.: BBMP/C.Comm/PSR(G)/190/2024-25 **Date: 21.04.2025**

PUBLIC NOTICE
FORM-III (See Sub-rule (3) of rule-3)

In exercise of powers conferred under section **14-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961** the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by the Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for **Formation of Road from Hoodi Railway Station to Kumbena Agrahara via Sadaramangala As per RMP-2015**.

The following land / building owners have opted for Development Rights in lieu of monetary compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The Development Rights will be given by the Authority as twice the land area surrendered and two times the building area surrendered and as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered (valuated as per PWD norms) divided by the market value of the land on which the building is constructed.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Special Land Acquisition officer, O/o the Deputy Commissioner (Land Acquisition and TDR) Head Office, BBMP within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

List of land / building area surrendered and land owners for which DRC is to be issued.

Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban** Name of the Taluk: **Bengaluru East** Name of the Village: **Kumbena Agrahara**

Sl. No.	Sy. No. / Khata No.	Type of land		Nature of Land	Dimension of the land / plot and extent in Sq.m		Boundaries of the land / plot				Building Details			Present activity on land / Building (Specify Specific activity such as shop, office, factory, apartment, individual house etc.,)	Market (guide lines) value of the land per Sq.m	Name and address of the owner of the plot / land for which DRC is to be issued.
		Vacant	Built up	Agriculture Converted undeveloped Approved layout / developed land Building site	Dimension	Extent	East	West	North	South	Extent in Sq.m	Type of Construction and No. of floors	Floor Area Ratio			
1	Sy No.37/1, Khatha No.1659	Vacant Land		Converted Land	556.44		Sy No.37/1	Sadara mangala Village Boundary	Sy No.37/4	Railway Property	None	None	None	Vacant	34,000/-	Smt. Manjula C. D/o. Chinnappa, Residing at Kurubara Pete, Sulibele, Bangalore Rural-562129.

Note: Market guideline value of this property is considered subject to conditions of payment of fee as per Government Order No.: ನಅಇ 137 ಎಂಎನ್‌ಯು 2024 (ಇ), ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.09.2024 and as per the Circular No.: ಆಯುಕ್ತರು/ಜಿಎಸ್.ಆರ್/ಜೆ/1802/2024–25, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.09.2024.
Objections and suggestions made be submitted at the address specified below.

Name and address of the Divisional / Sub divisional / Branch Office	Deputy Commissioner, Land Acquisition & TDR, 2nd Floor, Room No: 208, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, BBMP, Bangalore-560002.

Sd/-,
Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

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DAY'S DIARY

First show

On this day, *Avengers: Endgame* premiered in the USA in 2019. It is the 22nd film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) and the Infinity Saga

THE SCREENING

Hundreds of industry VIPs, cast members, and fans watched the first showing, a three-hour action spectacle kept tightly under wraps

BASED ON MARVEL COMICS

The penultimate chapter in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), *Avengers: Endgame*, marks the finale of the first three phases of the MCU

THE PLOT

With Earth's mightiest heroes failing to stop Thanos from wiping out half of all existence, the heroes discover one final chance to make things right

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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DREAM KNOCK

As the city and nation turn their eyes on the IPL, experts at cricket academies have noticed an uptick in young fans enrolling in training classes

Irfan Sait with students of Karnataka Institute of Cricket

ANUBHAB ROY

THE IPL fever has set its grip firmly into the country and beyond. For months, cricket fans in the country will be divided by team allegiances, yet united by the passion that the competition inculcates among cricket lovers of all generations. This short-lived festivity that India thrives on is enough to rouse youngsters from every walk of life into trying their hand at the game. The Karnataka Institute of Cricket (KIOC), Gangadhar Chetty Road, recently invited Phil Salt, a right-handed batter for RCB, for a guest class. "Yes, undoubtedly there is a surge," says Irfan Sait, director of KIOC, asserting that the increased influx is notable. Yogi P, coach and coordinator at Brijesh Patel Cricket Academy (BPCA), Lavelle Road, seconds this, mentioning that the influx so far this year has been 'impressive', adding, "The thrill of the tournament inspires many young cricketers to hone their skills and pursue their passion."

As fevers come, so do they go. It is understandable, like the short lives of hobbies that many pick up, that not everyone possesses the tenacity to carry through. The IPL frenzy is enough of an injection of adrenaline, but how long does it last, especially for the aspiring bunch? "We work hard to retain their interest. Some of them realise that it's not so easy and quit," Sait rues, but adds, "Since ours is an annual membership they do last at least a year." Yogi asserts that a similar, supportive environment is at play at BPCA. "Our coaching team works closely with each student to set realistic goals and provide constructive feedback. This approach helps our students stay motivated and focussed on their long-term objectives," he says.

The rise of the IPL and its proliferation throughout Indian households has made cricket into a bigger mass-culture commodity than ever. Its cons are clear as day; as a vocal Sait mentions, "The technique and traditions of this glorious game have been compromised. [Now] it is all about strike rates and power hitting." Nevertheless, the need to make the IPL further accessible has given rise to the WPL – Women's Premier League – enthusing young and teenage girls across the nation in far greater numbers than before. According to Sait, "The heartening feature is that parents are encouraging their daughters as young as five years old, to enrol." Yogi observes, "The introduction of the WPL has been a game-changer for women's cricket. We've seen a substantial increase in female joinees at our academy, with many young girls inspired by the talented women cricketers competing in the WPL," continuing, "Our coaching team is committed to providing equal opportunities and support to our female students."

A key factor to consider is that not all who are inspired by the glam and glitter of the IPL or the WPL, come from backgrounds that can offer the resources for them to tap into their full potential. Any game – or institute – is as good as it is accessible. Despite the rampant inequity that pervades Indian cricket in terms of caste, religion, and socio-economic status, a handful of academies are trying to create a system of equal opportunity, supporting a level playing field. Like Sait's assertion of talent, not class, being the relevant category at KIOC with over 200 cricketers enjoying fully-covered scholarships, Yogi attests to a similar culture existing at BPCA, mentioning, "Our academy nurtures talent from all backgrounds. We offer scholarships and financial aid to deserving students, ensuring that they have access to top-notch coaching and facilities."

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> Yogi P, coach, Brijesh Patel Cricket Academy

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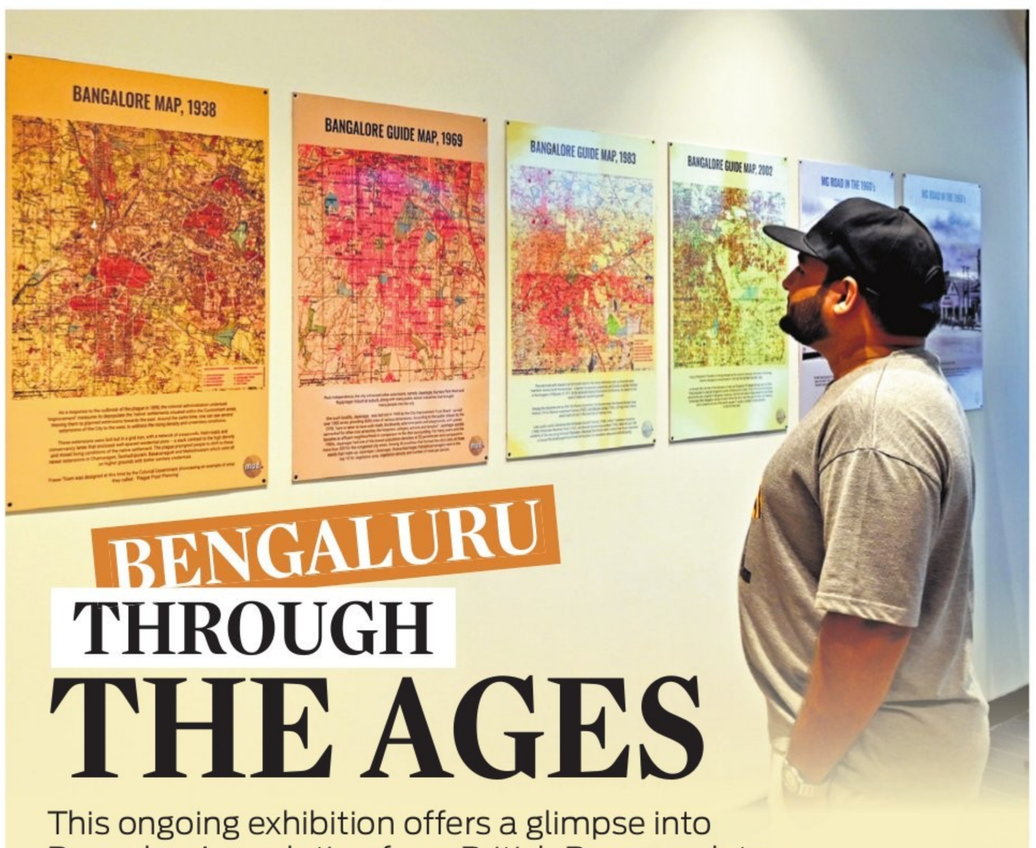

BENGALURU THROUGH THE AGES

This ongoing exhibition offers a glimpse into Bengaluru's evolution from British Purgunnah to a thriving metropolis through archival maps and photographs

ANUBHAB ROY

BENGALURU, with little pride and much debate, thrives on a reputation of being a city of constant change and influx. The change and its pace, of course, have to do with Bengaluru being the IT hub of India, a title that the city and its people have simultaneously lauded and laboured to catch up with. The Whitefield Art Collective's exhibition this year, themed The Future is Now, houses two exhibits in particular – Mapping Bengaluru and Bengaluru in Focus – that together offer an in-depth context to the city's growth since its inception, and how its residents see it at present.

Mapping Bengaluru, true to its name, is a project that is archival in nature. Housing photographs and maps of the city dating right back to the first rudimentary map drawing up the boundaries of the city, made by James Ross in 1800 and titled Survey of The Boundaries of the Purgunnah of Bangalore, the exhibit provides a fascinating insight to viewers about the history of the city. Sumi Gupta, curator at Whitefield Art Collective, explains, "Mapping Bengaluru presents the city's evolution through maps and archival photography, making urban history more tangible and relatable to the public." About the maps themselves, Gupta adds, "The maps serve as a powerful visual tool, allowing visitors to trace the city's growth and understand how its geography and urban planning have evolved. They offer a tangible connection to the past, enabling people to reflect on Bengaluru's journey from a historic settlement to a modern metropolis."

As one peruses the maps, the aforementioned IT boom and its repercussions become apparent. Networks of roads and the population gets denser, especially around areas favourable for said growth, and concurrently, lakes and green covers become sparser with the progression of time. A map of the city in 1983 serves as an important marker in this transition, and it is apparent that most of the present industrial infrastructure in Bengaluru – the establishment of which, a footnote credits to Sir M Visvesvaraya, the then Dewan of Mysore – was already set up by this time. Gupta, who calls the maps 'compelling visual narratives', states, "The maps create curiosity and dialogue among audiences, effectively bridging the gap between science and public understanding. They raise awareness about the evolving landscape of Bengaluru and the layers of history that shape the present."

Bengaluru in Focus offers a different, more emergent, and contemporary side of the city. Essentially a curation of photographs by the city's residents, the exhibition shows Bengaluru through a youthful gaze, underscoring what urban modernity means to the eyes that wander within the city's bounds. The photographs find beauty in places of heritage like Cubbon Park, but also in banality and minutiae, giving one a comprehensive expanse of the myriad ways the city likes to be seen. As Gupta states, "The goal lies in democratising art and amplifying new voices that might not normally have the platform to display their works. It also encourages audiences to reflect on their relationship with the built environment and urban landscape, making photography a highly accessible and impactful medium for telling a story – especially the story of Bengaluru."

(The exhibition, being held at VR Mall, Whitefield, is open to visitors from 9am to 11pm till April 30)

CITY READ

Educational institute achieves exceptional results in JEE Mains 2025

Narayana Educational Institutions recently achieved exceptional results in JEE Mains 2025. Kushagra Gupta, a student from Narayana's Kaveri Bhavan campus in Bellandur, secured All India Rank 24 (Open Category) which secured him the position of the state topper. In addition, three of the institution's students featured in the All India Top 100 – AIR 24, 81, and 84 – making it the only institution in Karnataka to achieve this distinction. Sindhura Narayana, Director at Narayana Educational Institutions, said, "This is not just a success in numbers – it is a defining moment for Karnataka's academic landscape."

Clothing brand launches two outlets in the city

Koskii, a brand that specialises in ethnic occasion wear for women, recently launched two new outlets in the city at Commercial Street and HSR Layout, tallying to a total of 11 stores in Bengaluru and 27 stores across India. The launch weekend was a festive affair with a vibrant atmosphere, curated fashion, and interactive experiences. The new locations will offer Koskii's full range of occasion wear, from regal bridal lehengas and graceful sarees to playful shararas and elegant salwar suits. In addition to their variety, Koskii also brings traditional craftsmanship together with modern silhouettes.

A MEMORY PROJECT

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POET AND KENDRA SAHITYA AKADEMI KANAKASHREE AWARD RECIPIENT, ALEENA, WILL TAKE THE STAGE FOR HER FIRST POETRY PERFORMANCE IN THE CITY TOMORROW, SPEAKING CANDIDLY ABOUT THE POWER OF TRUTH AND NAVIGATING THE CHALLENGES OF BEING A VISIBLE ANTI-CASTE VOICE

Casting light on caste

ANJALI RAM

VERY often, art opens the door to dreams and hopes, weaving together the talents and stories of many and, at times, firmly and unapologetically fighting against injustice. Hailing from Kerala, poet, lyricist, and activist **Aleena** is one such voice that echoes through powerful and fiery poems.

In the city for an evening of poetry and conversation titled Good Christian Girls Don't Talk About Caste, her words reflect the path she has been on. Her poems often feel like a mirror inviting the world to reflect on its flaws. Through her poetry night, she hopes to address the caste discrimination existing in society. "My works are derived from my lived experience, stories I have heard while growing up, the things I saw around me, and the things I've heard happening to women around me," says the 29-year-old author of *Silk Route* and recipient of the Kendra Sahitya Akademi Kanakashree Award.

Poetry, for Aleena, is not just an act of artistic expression but an emotional journey that requires her to process and overcome past trauma before she can weave it as an art, which comes with its own challenges. "A major challenge is that we are being very vulnerable in front of a crowd who doesn't care about you," she says.

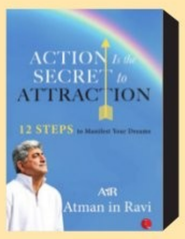
As a popular figure online and being a Dalit poet in a society where inequality prevails, she has often faced backlash. "In today's society, being vocal about all these things is dangerous. The more visible you are, if you have a platform, the more people are going to attack you," she confides, adding, "But I remind myself that I don't need their validation. The people who attack me online? I don't need to be accepted by them."

Amidst all of these barriers, for Aleena, the biggest driving force is truth. "Once you see the truth, you cannot unsee what is happening around and go back. It's always going to be there and the more you try to push it away, the more it will hurt," she says.

Reflecting on her first time performing in the city, she shares, "In online spaces, we are quite alone. So it's nice to have a gathering offering a space for like-minded people in real life. It's good for our mental health," she concludes.

(Aleena will take the stage on April 23 at Atta Galatta, Indiranagar at 7.30 pm)

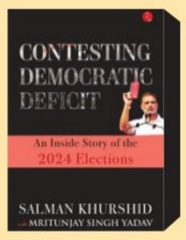
BOOK NOOK



Action Is the Secret to Attraction

By AiR Atman in Ravi

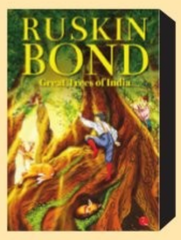
Here are 12 steps to manifest your dreams. This book is not only about success but is also a guide through contentment and fulfilment to achieve the goal of enlightenment.



Contesting Democratic Deficit

By Salman Khurshid, Mritunjay Singh Yadav

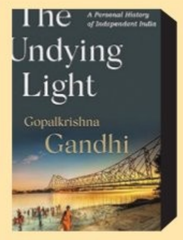
From the Bharat Jodo Yatra to the formation of the INDIA alliance uniting diverse political forces, Khurshid and Yadav recount how Opposition parties rallied to defend the idea of an inclusive, pluralistic India.



The Great Trees of India

By Ruskin Bond

Contains a selection of stories that are Ruskin Bond's love letters to the trees that give this country its unique character. Let the master storyteller's sensitive and warm prose transport you to afternoons spent under cool shade



The Undying Light: A Personal History of Independent India

By Gopalkrishna Gandhi

The book begins with his memories, of the assassination of his grandfather, Mahatma Gandhi. From this poignant opening note, the book expands into numerous encounters with personalities covering key events in modern India's history.

GLEE IN GREENERY

People seen enjoying and clicking pictures in the evening at The Weekend Dog Park in Cubbon Park, Ambedkar Veedhi | **ALLEN EGENUSE J**

QUICKFIX

HOME-MADE TIRAMISU

INGREDIENTS

- **Ladyfingers:** 200 g (substitute with rusk, digestive biscuits, or thin sponge cake slices)
- **Strong brewed coffee:** 1 to 1¼ cups (250–300 ml), cooled (**Optional:** Add 1 tsp vanilla extract or 1 tsp coffee liqueur)
- **Mascarpone cheese:** 250 g (can substitute with equal quantity of cream cheese, softened)
- **Heavy cream:** 1 cup (240 ml), chilled (Use full-fat for best results)
- **Powdered sugar:** ¼ cup (30-40 g), adjust to taste
- **Unsweetened cocoa powder:** 1–2 tbsp for dusting

METHOD

- Brew a strong cup of coffee and let it cool to room temperature. For added depth, enhance it with a splash of vanilla or a teaspoon of coffee liqueur.
- Whisk mascarpone cheese (or cream cheese) until smooth. In a separate bowl, whip chilled heavy cream until stiff peaks form. Gently fold it into the mascarpone, then add powdered sugar.
- Dip each ladyfinger or biscuit into the cooled coffee. Take care not to get it soggy. Arrange a layer in your dish, followed by a thick layer of mascarpone mixture. Repeat until the dish is full, ending with a smooth top layer of cream.
- Cover and refrigerate for at least 6-8 hours, ideally overnight, to let the flavours meld and the dessert set. Before serving, dust the top generously with unsweetened cocoa powder.

Contributed by **Saumya Bahuguna,** Noida

NOWSTREAMING

PERUSU (Tamil)

Two brothers find their father isn't really dead. However, they try to hold a secret funeral, leading them to face their strained relationship and their father's lingering presence

Cast: Vaibhav Reddy, Sunil Reddy, Niharika NM, Redin Kingsley

- **Watch on:** Netflix

KHAUF (Hindi, series)

A young woman's hostel room in Delhi hides a history of violence. Haunted by her past, she battles inexplicable forces within the room's confines and beyond.

Cast: Chum Darang, Rajat Kapoor, Shilpa Shukla

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

iHOSTAGE (Dutch)

When a gunman enters an Apple Store in the heart of Amsterdam, the police face a delicate challenge to resolve the stand-off.

Cast: Soufiane Moussouli, Admir Sehovic, Emmanuel Ohene Boafo

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

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VATAYANASANA KAMALASANA
(HORSE POSE LOTUS HANDS)

This is a grounding and surrendering practice and a modification of the foundational pose, Utkata Konasana (Goddess Pose) with a difference of opening the arms on the sides and fingers opening like a blossoming flower. This pose allows us to harness our power and strength, empowering and inspiring our nurturing traits. Spiritually, the lotus symbolises light and beauty, sharing the message of opening the heart to the light within. The hand mudra in Goddess Pose balances the mental and emotional self, helping one connect the brain to the body for mental health and optimum physical wellbeing.

STEPS

- Start in Tadasana (Mountain Pose), feet together, and hands by the side of your body. Take a few deep breaths and lift through the front of the body.
- With a deep breath in, place your hands on the waist, and on an exhale, step the feet out wide around 3-3½ feet in Prasarita Tadasana Hands On Hips.
- Keep your hands on the waist, turn your feet, bringing the heels in and the toes out one after the other.
- Inhale, roll your shoulders back and draw the navel into the spine, activating the core. Exhale, begin to squat while bending your knees.
- Sink until the knees are aligned with your ankles and get your thighs parallel to the floor.
- Here, watch the top of the thighs roll out, tucking your pelvis in and lifting the front of the body.
- On balancing the lower body, inhale, open the arms out with the palms facing in. Exhale, take the forearms down to 60 degrees with the palms in lotus position, unfurling your fingers like a flower blossoming open.
- Stay in Vatayanasana Kamalasana for about six breaths, looking at any point in front with your spine erect, and the shoulders rolled back. Stand with the legs apart, drawing your energy up from the arches.
- Slowly release the pose and walk back into Tadasana. You can follow Half Eagle Pose to release and relax the lower body if needed.
- Finally relax in Mountain Pose Three Part Breath.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens the pelvic floor muscles and quads.
- It can be included in yoga sequences for almost all, especially for kids and teens.
- Encourages athletes to strengthen their body.
- Helps working professionals to relieve their lower back, hips, upper back, neck, and shoulders from slouching.
- Boosts energy in the body and is included in flow yoga sequences.
- Strengthens the arms, scapular muscles, and upper back, improving the range of mobility.
- Can help discover the inner strength and power.
- Prepares for advanced hip opening and arm balance asanas.
- Strengthens the hips, the lower back and the thigh muscles.
- Widens the uterus before pregnancy.
- Helps broaden chest and correct postural defects.
- Enhances functionality of kidneys, the ovaries, urinary system, and the prostate gland.
- Enhances the functioning of organs in the thorax and improves respiration.
- Energises the body, relieves stress and gives a general sense of well-being.
- Relieves menstrual pain and cramps.

LIMITATIONS

- Students suffering from hip, ankle and knee injuries and shoulder problems can avoid this.
- When widening the legs, don't go beyond your limit.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Regal Recipes

Journey into a realm of simmering aromas, glowing embers, and treasured heirloom recipes with The Royal Awadhi Feast. Highlights of the menu include bhatti ki kalmi, jhinga nisha, mahi qalya, gosht ki nihari, sarson broccoli, aloo bukhara kofta, and more.

WHEN: April 24 onwards, 12.30pm and 7pm
WHERE: Riwaz at The Ritz-Carlton, Ashok Nagar
CALL: 9035416155

Peace in Paint

Step into the serene art form of Sumi-e which is rooted in Zen philosophy with a beginner-friendly and immersive one-hour session. Unleash your creativity as you master the beauty of simplicity through black ink brush strokes.

WHEN: April 22, 9.30am
WHERE: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
DETAILS: allevents.in

Movie Night

Attend a screening of a Taiwanese arthouse film called *Days* directed by Tsai Ming-liang. Join a discussion that follows up to discuss and share interpretations of the film with fellow movie-buffs from the city!

WHEN: April 22, 7.45pm
WHERE: Underline Center, Domlur
DETAILS: district.in

Theatre Tales

Experience the live stage production of *Kamsayana*, a mythological contemporary play written by HS Venkatesha Murthy and directed by Sunil Kumar Singh. The story begins as a divine voice warns Kamsa that he would be killed by the eighth son of his sister Devaki and her husband Vasudeva.

WHEN: April 22, 7.30pm
WHERE: Ravindra Kala Kshethra, Sampangi Rama Nagar
DETAILS: district.in

Jazz Concert

Celebrate International Jazz Day with a concert featuring Nadhi Quartet, SoulTrane, **Can't Quit The Blues**, and Abir that honours the life of Dr Thomas Chandy, who was an active and beloved member of the Bengaluru jazz community. This event is free of entry charge.

WHEN: April 25, 4pm
WHERE: Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan, Indiranagar
CALL: 80412 85017

Neon Party

Take your friends to a glow in the dark party featuring DJ Bhavesh that promises to make you groove on electrifying beats endlessly. With free shooters for women and a curation of Bollywood music, dance your worries away!

WHEN: April 22, 8pm onwards
WHERE: Bleep 'The Gig Club', Koramangala **DETAILS:** highape.com

Evening of Verses

Attend this event to experience the work of featured poet **Ashish** alongside sandwiches, pastas, and salads. Spend an evening immersing yourself in poetry and culture surrounded by like-minded folks from the city.

WHEN: April 22, 7.30pm
WHERE: Urban Solace, Ulsoor
CALL: 98450 13055

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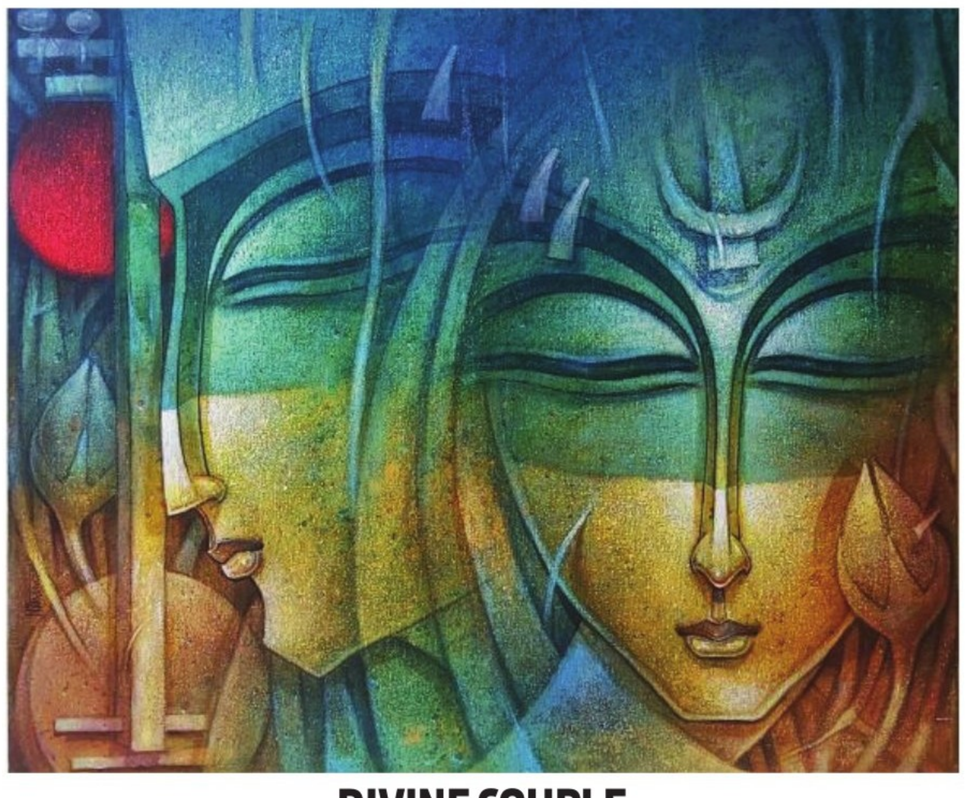

DIVINE COUPLE

Nityam Singha Roy realises that the human face is the most profound medium for expression – a dynamic representation of inner sentiment and emotion.

The city is witnessing a popular trend of upcycling baby clothes to blankets, quilts and more items with good practicality - blending the nostalgia and love

A MEMORY PROJECT

ANJALI RAM

A baby's first birthday outfit, the tiny onesies they used to don once, their first miniature sneakers, or the first dress they wore – letting go of such clothes is a nightmare for many parents: holding on to them is synonymous with holding on to the special memories they carry. As much as every parent wants to witness their baby's growth and celebrate every milestone, it comes with the pain of letting go of things like the clothes they outgrew. However, the environmental impact of the fast fashion industry has changed people's approach to baby clothes. Enter the upcycling revolution – changing preloved garments to sustainably beautiful treasures.

Farah Ahmed, founder of Sweet Roots, reflects, "After my son's birth, balancing motherhood and a new venture was challenging, yet deeply fulfilling. Initially, Sweet Rootfocused on newborn clothing and accessories. Over time many customers expressed a desire to preserve the clothes that held the essence of their child's earliest years. Their longing to hold onto these precious memories sparked the idea of the business. The overwhelming response made it clear – this was not just a product, but a meaningful way to weave love and nostalgia into something tangible."

For Ahmed, appreciation from her customers is the driving force. Recounting one of her favourite projects, she adds. "A remarkable project was a baby memory quilt that incorporated nearly 150 pieces of clothing, each carrying an irreplaceable memory."

Many see memory blankets as vessels of memory beyond mere fabrics. "I did this because after a decade or two when we see this memory blanket, it will take us to all the special moments," says Boris K, a parent who recounts his experience of creating a memory blanket out of his baby's clothes. Meanwhile, another parent, Shuchita Rathi, explains the practicality of recycling baby clothes. "The memory quilt made from my son's clothes has been a part of our lives for over seven years now, and it's still in perfect condition. My daughter's quilts, although made recently, have been cherished nearly as much through every winter. I love how durable and practical they are – they don't get soiled easily, making them ideal for everyday use," she says.

Nandita Pai, founder, Sew Mini Moments

Filled with nostalgia and memories, the making of quilts and other items requires a decent amount of time and dedication. "Based on the size of the quilt the customer opts for, I work on sorting, cutting, ironing and prepping the patches. This is the most time-consuming process. Once the patches are all ready, I lay them out on the floor to decide on a layout. Then I start the sewing process," explains Nandita Pai, founder of Sew Mini Moments, continuing, "Once, a customer contacted me to upcycle her baby clothes, hand stitched and intricately embroidered by her late mother, into a memory quilt for her granddaughter. Getting to work on such treasured, heirloom clothes and touching lives across four generations was indeed an immense honour for me."

Toys by Nandita Pai

The overwhelming response made it clear – this [concept] was not just a product, but a meaningful way to weave love and nostalgia into something tangible

Farah Ahmed, founder, Sweet Roots

A quilt by Farah Ahmed

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LIFE'S COLOURS OVER THE GREY ROAD

REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE

LIFE is quite literally the road less-travelled! Well, who has seen tomorrow? In a sense, each moment we face is the newest experience of our lives, and these moments follow in instantaneous progression. Ever since I was allowed to drive, I have been navigating Bengaluru's roads on two wheels. It began when I started college way back in 2003, and there's been no looking back. As I transitioned from riding a scooterette then to a roadster now, a lot within and around me transitioned as well, and continues to.

On little rides with friends over notes, coffee shop hangouts, pub hops, casual urban road trips, and quiet dates; short visits to the stationery shop, the pharmacy, the vegetable market; an impulsive checkout of the latest fast fashion in town, or simply to catch the fresh blockbuster – the scooter was a loyal companion. And joining us on these memory-setting episodes that weave together what is defined as 'life', was the road.

As a journalist, the road has been a ubiquitous visage of my professional time, on which I headed to assignments, interviews, press conferences, or the unexpected spot coverage, and then to the newsroom and home again. After reporting innumerable news events, with an equal number of remarkable recollections to 'write home about', the two inseparable confreres remained my ride and the road. Today, while my profession is unchanged, my tasks and how I realise them have evolved. Not much riding anywhere, other than to the desk, and back home, but the road sits still, where it has always been.

The ride to work may seem like a mundane, routine effort, but accomplishing it every day, over the years, has garnered in me a sense of attachment to the route and more respect for the road. The route is so etched in my brain now that its approach seems like I'm on autopilot. Even the traffic scenarios are too predictable to be true. In all this familiarity, taking the road has been quite comfortable. Making my way through the traffic, the smoke, and the noise, in the rain, under the sun when I get to work, and under the moon and stars on my way back, there are two engines running at full steam – those of my motorcycle and my mind. Eyes transfixed on the road, with precision focus on the vehicles and humanity around, a million thoughts caress my brain cells. With heightened limits of concentration, even the thoughts that occur, do so vividly. There are images of life, family, my likes, books, travel plans, goals, dreams, my interests, doing good for others, what the future holds, a barrage of inextinguishable memories, forgotten friends, responsibilities, and priorities, all speckled with musings about work, and a prayer. Simple life lessons are learnt and hard decisions simplified. It's therapeutic!

In all this cheery cacophony inside the head and outside, I notice my city in transition too – chaos, commotion, and concrete, wherever I look. Riding on the Airport Road flyover, I see the green in the distance churn into myriad other hues of brick and glass. Amid the vehicular density, the road is also losing its sheen, and there are people everywhere, even in the dead of night. I glide through all this change, watching other human beings going about their lives, and believing that they are coming to terms with their thoughts as well, on the road.

Life is one big road with lots of signs! From my vantage point astride my motorcycle, with the pace of a world changing and the speed of thoughts galloping in my mind, firm revelations emerge, between departure and destination. Often in life, we take others' burdens upon ourselves, while sometimes, our burdens are lowered onto others, all for the sake of comfort and reassurance, and life carries on. However, not always does this work. The road, despite its blemishes and potholes, has steadily supported countless people on their journeys, as they discover answers to some of life's questions, and arrive at their destinations.

(The writer's views are personal)

LIVE & LOVE ACCORDING TO YOUR OWN ETHICS

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan
(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)

THERE is an old cautionary folk tale from India that starts with two people walking to their house with a donkey that they had purchased from a fair a few miles away from their village.

The two are happily walking along with their acquisition when they bump into a set of people. The strangers comment, "Look at these idiots! They bought a donkey but are walking alongside it rather than riding it!" The criticism hits home, and so, one of them sits atop the animal and they continue on their journey, till they meet somebody else, who criticises, "How selfish! Look at this young person riding merrily while the older person is walking," and hearing that, they switch places, only to hear a mile later, "So inconsiderate! No respect for age!"

They both then ride the donkey, and for a while, they are just plodding along, till somebody accosts them, "How dare you!" This one shouts, "Just because you bought a beast of burden, you think you can burden it with all your weight? This is so cruel!" Hearing it, the two go back to just walking alongside the animal, and come full circle when close to their village, an old neighbour laughs at them: "Why even get a donkey if you don't know how to use one!"

There are other versions of the story where the animal is of different species, and the people walking might be of different ages, genders, abilities, but the general moral of the story is the same – whatever you do, you'll get opinions. There's very little in the world that will win universal approval. It doesn't mean of course that one should do whatever one wishes, but that one should be able to defend themself and their choice. This story is especially relevant in the Indian context where everyone is in each other's business anyways.

This is true more so in the context of love and relationships than anything else. People will have an opinion about whether and when you should get into a relationship, whom with, what age gaps seem appropriate, who you should live with, what other nurturing relationships will help or hurt, who should do what in the relationship and so on. If you are single, they'd want you dating. If dating, married and if married, then to be parents, and if there's conflict, then to stay together or divorce – the opinions are endless. It is like you are the two people in the story and the relationship is the donkey. Is your relationship important only as something of use? How much and what burden should your relationship bear?

True to the story, there's no universally satisfactory solution, though there might be things that get universally condemned!

All you can do is to live and love according to your own ethics instead of trying to please everyone.

(The writer's views are personal)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, **M.MURALIDHARAN** Residing at No. 97, Shivambika Bhavanam, Vinayaka Street, 5th cross, Bharath Matha layout, Venkateshpuram, Bangalore-45. I state that my name has been given wrongly in my son's **ABHISHEK M. R.** in school records, My correct name is **M. MURALIDHARAN** vide affidavit dated 09-04-2025. Before Notary D. GUNA SHEKAR Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **1. BETTASWAMY.T.N**, S/o Narasimhaiah, aged about 42 years, **2. SUMITHRA.K**, W/o Bettaswamy.T.N, aged about 42 years, both are Resident of Thippanaiakanahalli Village, Ippadi Post, Kunigal Taluk, Tumakuru District-572 126, Bengaluru. Hereby declare that, We have changed our minor son's (DOB: 28.01.2019) name from **'AKSHAYA KUMAR.B'** to **"VINOD HARSHIL BETTASWAMY"**, vide Affidavit dated 21.04.2025, Sworn before Advocate & Notary S.Venkatasubba Reddy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NO.15327361N, HAV, RAJAKUMAR PJ, Residing at House NO.1194G/3, Mahaveer School Opposite, EB Nagar, Arani (TK), Tiruvannamalai (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 632316, Have Changed My **(OLD NAME) RAJAKUMAR PJ** to **(NEW NAME) RAJAKUMAR P J** Vide Affidavit Dated 19.04.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NO. IC-48219M, MAJ GEN, VINOD T MATHEW, Residing at Maliyackel, Eazhumuttom (Vill & Post), Karimannor (Tehsil), Idukki (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 685605, Have Changed My **(OLD NAME) VINOD T MATHEW** to **(NEW NAME) VINOD TOM MATHEW** Vide Affidavit Dated 19.04.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) E MUTHURAJ,** Father of NO.16114246F, HAV, VENKATACHALAPATHY M, Residing at Pommayagowdanpatti, Ragalapuram (Post), Dindigul (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 624304, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) MUTHU RAJ ERNAGUKOUDAR** And **DOB** from **01.07.1958** to **05.10.1960** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.04.2025 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO.JC-311399F, Ex Sub Maj, A SAGAYARAJ, Residing at Pathikaran House, Pavitram (Vill & Post), Tiruvannamalai (Tehsil & Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 606806, Have Changed My SON **(OLD NAME) S THUVIJITH LIYAN** to **(NEW NAME) THUVIJITH LIYAN S** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.04.2025 Sworn Before Notary S.I.BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) METILDA GUNASUNDARI,** Spouse of NO.15305079H, Ex-SPR, late ARUMUGAM M, Residing at House NO.37, 'B' Block, Saiva Muthiya, 6th Cross, Royapettah (Post), Royapettah, Chennai 600014, TAMIL NADU State, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) A METTLDA GUNASUNDARI,** Vide Affidavit Dated 17.04.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) M VIJARANI,** Mother of NO.16114246F, HAV, VENKATACHALAPATHY M, Residing at Pommayagowdanpatti, Rangalapuram (Post), Dindigul (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 624304, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) VIJAYARANI MUTHURAJ** And **DOB** from **01.07.1965** to **08.12.1964** Vide Affidavit Dated 17.04.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SOWMYA J.S.** W/o Niranjan. B. R/a #47/48, Srinivasa Nilaya, 2nd Cross, Behind Ganesha Temple, Thavarekere, Bengaluru- 560029 have changed my minor Son Name from **HADWIK GOWDA. N. to AGASTYA GOWDA. N. (DOB: 19.4.2021)** vide affidavit dated 21.4.2025 before Notary **R.S. Vijay,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ADARSH KUMAR** aged about 18 years, R/of Village Babhangawn post- Jhauwara, District- Sultanpur, State- Uttar Pradesh-228001, R/at P.R.TC J.C Nagar, Bengaluru-560006 I State that my father working in Army Vide No.3006669L, Rank- Hav Name **PRAMOD KUMAR PANDEY**, that in my father's Army Records my name is entered as **ADARSH KUMAR** but My Aadhar my name as **ADARSH KUMAR PANDEY** both the names belongs to me only Henceforth shall be called as **ADARSH KUMAR PANDEY** vide affidavit dated: 19/4/2025 Before Notary **Sivakumara M.N** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAMUNA PRAKASH** W/o **Prakash** R/at Halayanakanahalli, Carmelaram Post, Sarjapura Road, Bangalore- 560035, have changed my name to **JAMUNA H V (Halanayakanahalli Venkatappa Reddy)** vide affidavit dated: 18/4/2025 Before Notary **Ganesh Gowda M.V** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KANTHAMMA HALANAYAKANAHALLI LAKSHMAIAHREDDY** W/o **Shankar Reddy** R/at Halayanakanahalli Carmelaram Post, Sarjapura Road, Bangalore - 560035 have changed my name to **KANTHAMMA** vide affidavit dated: 18/04/2025 Before Notary **Ganesh Gowda M.V** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VINOD M PATEL,** S/o. Late. Manilal B Patel, aged about 64 years, residing at No. 47/A, 19th Cross, 20th Main, SMS Layout, Near HP Petrol Bunk, 5th Phase J P Nagar, Bangalore-560078, Karnataka, hereby declare that my names **VINOD CANDRA MANILAL PATEL and VINOD M PATEL** belongs to one and the same person, henceforth, I have decided to continue my name in future as **VINOD M PATEL** vide Affidavit dated 21.04.2025 sworn before advocate and notary Hegde Ganapati Venkataraman, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PRATEEK PANDURANG KABADI, resident of # 202, Infinite origin, 8th Main, Haralur Real, Shubh Enclave, HSR Layout Post, Bangalore-560102, have changed my name to PRATEEK KABADI Vide Affidavit Dated: 19.04.2025 before advocate and notary H.G. Venkataramu, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **M.MUQTHIYAR AHMED** aged about 54 years, residing at No.52, 2nd cross, Near Bilal masjid, Friends colony, Hegganahalli, peenya II stage, Bangalore - 560058, have changed my name from **MUQTHIYAR AHMED** to **M.MUQTHIYAR AHMED** and I declare that have changed my father's name from **NISAR AHMED** to **MIYANJI NISAR AHMED,** vide affidavit dated 21/4/2025 sworn to before T.C.Thimmaraja Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MURALI .K,** S/o Gopalakrishna Bhat .K, aged about 42 years, R/at No. 4106, Ground Floor, 1st Main Road, B-Block, Subramanyapura, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560 021 do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **DARSHA .M** to **DHANVITHA .M,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **DHANVITHA .M** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 12th April 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NEELUFAR wife of AFSAR PASHA, aged about 40 years, residing at No. 2/5, 13th A Cross, Hosahalli Main Road, Padara yanapura Bangalore - 560026, have changed my name from **NEELUFAR.B.** to **NEELUFAR,** vide affidavit dated 21/4/2025 sworn to before T.C.Thimmaraja Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ASHWIN KAILASH NARENDRAN,** age 24 years, S/o D. Narendran, R/at No. 201, Balaji Krupa Apartment, 6th E Kaggadasapura, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bangalore-560 093 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ASHWIN KAILASH NARENDRAN to ASHWIN .N,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ASHWIN .N** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 21st April 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K. MOHAN** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **(1) Mr. RAJESH PATEL,** aged 41 years, Son of Jayanthi K Patel, and **(2) Mrs. Smt. VANITHA RAJESH,** aged about 40 years, W/o. Rajesh Patel, both are residing at Flat No. E004, Ground Floor, Shubh Labh Cypress Apartment, Pipe Line Road, Near Indhira Canteen, Mallasandra, T. Dasarahalli Post, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru - 560057, Karnataka, India, have changed our Son's name from his old name **"ISHAN NAKARANI"** to his new name **"ISHAN PATEL"** vide Affidavit dated: 19/04/2025 duly sworn to before **Sri. Ramasanjeevaiah K.V.,** Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PADMINI PRASAD,** W/o Mr. S.K. Baba, aged 70 years, R/at#1833, 31st Cross, 11th Main, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Opp. Yashasvini Vidyaniketan, Bengaluru-560 070 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PADMINI** to **PADMINI PRASAD,** henceforth I shall be known and called as PADMINI PRASAD for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 21st April 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.G. SRIRAM** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PANISH RAMAKRISHNA,** R/at No. T6 502, Sattva Misty Charm, Holiday Village Road, Mallasandra, Thalaghattapura, Bangalore-560 109 do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **ANANTHA P** to **ANANTHA BAYARI P,** henceforth he shall be known and called as **ANANTHA BAYARI P** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18th April 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ARAVIND PATIL .G.G** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NANCY MENDONSA,** aged about 57 years, W/o. Mr. Malcom Walter D Souza, presently resident of P.O. Box 126975, Abu Dhabi, UAE, permanent resident of OURANIA Building, Flat No. 204, Opposite Jimmys supermarket – KADRI, Mangalore 575 002,today camped at Bangalore, have changed my name from **NANCY D SOUZA** to **NANCY MENDONSA** vide affidavit Dated 21/04/2025 sworn before Advocate & Notary Public, **Mrs. Hemalatha P,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I **UMAPATHI SANTEBENNUR MATTADA KOTRABASAIANAVARU,** Residing at: # 93, 14thCross, 1st B Main, Soundarya Layout, Nagasandra Post, Hesaragatta Main Road,Bengaluru-560073 have changed my name **from SANTHEBENNUR MATADA KOTRAIAHNAVARU UMAPATHI** (Old Name) **To UMAPATHI SANTEBENNUR MATTADA KOTRABASAIANAVARU, (New Name)** vide Affidavit sworn before **Notary Patil V. H.,** Date: 21.04.2025.

CHANGE OF NAME
I **PRATHIBHA MATHADA VEERAIAH,** Residing at: # 93, 14thCross, 1st B Main, Soundarya Layout, Nagasandra Post, Hesaragatta Main Road,Bengaluru-560073 have changed my name **from PRATHIBHA MATTADA VEERAIAHA** (Old Name) **To PRATHIBHA MATHADA VEERAIAH, (New Name)** vide Affidavit sworn before **Notary Patil V. H.,** Date: 21.04.2025.

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Yash begins *Ramayana* with divine blessings

The actor and co-producer of the film will step into the role of Raavan and will begin shooting this week

A SHARADHAA

YASH, the Rocking Star, who recently wrapped a major schedule of his gritty action thriller *Toxic*, will simultaneously begin filming for *Ramayana:* Part 1 in Mumbai this week. Before stepping into the grand role of Raavan, Yash visited the sacred Shree Mahakaleshwar temple in Ujjain, staying true to his long-held tradition of beginning each film project with divine blessings.

"I am a big devotee of Lord Shiva, and he is our home deity. The vibration at the temple is very unique—I lost track of time while sitting in front of God and chanting. I prayed for everyone's happiness, good health, and prosperity," Yash shared.

The much-awaited film, directed by acclaimed filmmaker Nitesh Tiwari, brings together a brilliant cast—with Ranbir Kapoor playing Ram and Sai Pallavi portraying Sita. Yash, who steps into the powerful role of Raavan, not only stars in the film but is also co-producing it under his banner, Monster Mind Creations, along with Namit Malhotra's Prime Focus Studios. Malhotra, one of the most influential names in Indian and Hollywood cinema, is backing what's being described as Indian cinema's most ambitious mythological film to date. With stunning visuals, cutting-edge technology, and a fresh storytelling approach, Ramayana is being shaped for a global audience.

Known for his sharp vision and passion for detail, Yash has been deeply involved behind the scenes. The actor is said to be fully immersed in preparing for his challenging role—one that blends intensity and depth.

The film is set to unfold over two parts, with *Ramayana:* Part 1 aiming for a grand Diwali 2026 release, followed by Part 2 in Diwali 2027.

Meanwhile, *Toxic*, directed by Geetu Mohandas, has taken a short break and is set to resume shooting in May, with plans for an April 2026 release. While *Toxic* promises raw, intense action, Ramayana will showcase Yash in a regal, mythological avatar—two drastically different characters that reflect his evolving cinematic journey.

With both films on the floor, fans across India and the world can look forward to a thrilling double treat from Yash—two dynamic roles, two distinct worlds, and one unstoppable star.

Yash

Rishi

Abhimanyu Kashinath

Ranjith Raj Suvarna

Rishi and Abhimanyu Kashinath to star in *Mangalaapuram*

The film directed by Ranjith Raj Suvarna had the makers revealing the first look poster

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ACTOR RISHI, who has carved a niche by picking offbeat scripts, is back with yet another intriguing project. This time, he's teaming up with a Mangaluru-based crew for *Mangalaapuram*, a film that promises a mix of suspense, mystery, and elements of faith. Directed by Ranjith Raj Suvarna—known for Tulu films such as Umil and Dombaraata—*Mangalaapuram* brings together an exciting new pairing. Rishi will be sharing screen space with Abhimanyu Kashinath, the son of the late legendary actor-filmmaker Kashinath, for the first time.

The film's first-look poster was released recently, offering a glimpse into a world that blends small-town vibes with a murder mystery. Set in a fictional town, *Mangalaapuram* explores themes of belief, superstition, and miracles, hinting at a layered narrative.

While Rishi was last seen in *Rudra Garuda Purana*, a film that blended mythology with humour, Abhimanyu made his presence felt in *Soori Loves Sandhya*. With *Mangalaapuram*, both actors step into a fresh narrative space that explores the unexplained and the uncanny.

The film is produced by debutants Vidwan Prasanna Tantri Moodbidri and Ram Prasad, who are stepping into Kannada with this venture. Anoop Seelin is on board as the music director, and Abhishek Kasargod will be collaborating as cinematographer.

Shooting for *Mangalaapuram* is scheduled to begin in June, with locations spread across Karkala, Thirthahalli, Madikeri, and Bengaluru. With an intriguing premise and a fresh onscreen duo, *Mangalaapuram* is one to keep an eye on.

'The idea for *Gangster Alla Prankster* was sparked by a binge-watching spree'

Director and actor Girish Kumar talks about merging YouTube culture with action comedy, casting Tilak as a gangster, and writing from real-life observations

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WHAT happens when a prank-loving YouTuber lands in the middle of an underworld mess? Director Girish Kumar attempts to answer just that in his upcoming action-comedy *Gangster Alla Prankster,* releasing across Karnataka on April 25. Backed by Wood Creepers, the film marks Girish's third directorial venture after *Bhavachitra*, and this time, he steps in front of the camera as well—playing the lead role of a YouTuber with a taste for dangerous fun. "I had initially approached Danish Sait for this role, since he's known for his prank calls. But the dates didn't work out, and I didn't want to delay things further, so I decided to step into the prankster character myself," says Girish.

The idea for *Gangster Alla Prankster* was sparked by a binge-watching spree. "I've always been fascinated by prank videos. I binge-watched plenty of them, and that eventually sparked the idea for this script," he adds. "But underneath the comedy, the film explores that strange space between fame and failure. It's about the advantage of disadvantage—how sometimes the very thing that puts you down can actually lift you up."

The film pits Girish's 'Prankster' against Tilak Shekar's 'Gangster', creating a sharp contrast between mischief and menace. "Tilak is a vastly underrated actor. He has so much potential that hasn't been tapped into yet. Post *Ugramm*, I felt he hadn't been given a chance to show his full range as a gangster—which he does in our film," explains Girish. "In fact, many of the characters are metaphorically inspired by insects. One's like a spider, another like a scorpion, and there's even a centipede-like character. It's a monster bug war—but in human form." Set against the backdrop of the internet culture, the film also has subtle nods to self-employment and digital hustle. "We don't say it out loud," he adds, "but there's a quiet commentary on how young people are making a living on platforms like YouTube and the kind of psychological toll—or growth—it can lead to." The film, as Girish describes it, is a mass entertainer with layers. "*Gangster Alla Prankster* will inspire those who feel stuck. It's fun, fast-paced, and strangely relatable."

Tilak and Girish Kumar

The film stars Viranika Shetty as the heroine, alongside a lively ensemble cast including Yuva Kishore, Lokendra, Sooraj, Bala Rajwadi, Girish Bijjal, Honnavalli Krishna, Sangeetha Anil, Sundar, Majaa Talkies Pawan, Hanumanth Gowda, and Bhavani Prakash. Featuring four songs composed by John Kennedy, the film has cinematography by Ajay Kumar and editing by Ratheesh Kumar. Set to release in about 60 screens across the state, it is being distributed by Lilac.

"A film, which is a rare mashup of YouTube culture and gangster drama, *Gangster Alla Prankster* might just be the surprise entertainer of the summer," Girish signs off.

Mardaani 3 to release next year

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RANI Mukerji's *Mardaani 3* is scheduled for a theatrical release on February 27, 2026, the makers announced on Monday. Backed by Yash Raj Films, the upcoming film is directed by Abhiraj Minawala. He is best known for working as an assistant director on films like Tiger 3, Sultan and Gunday.

The makers shared a post on social media with a caption that reads, "The countdown begins for *Mardaani 3*. On Holi, good will fight evil as Shivani Shivaji Roy returns to the big screen on February 27, 2026." The first *Mardaani* film, which came out in August 2014, was directed by the late Pradeep Sarkar and became a commercial and critical hit. It introduced Rani's character, Shivani Shivaji Roy, a dedicated cop who wants to uncover a child trafficking cartel. The second film came out in 2019 and was directed by debutant director Gopi Puthran, who wrote the original film. Rani was last seen in Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway, which was released in 2023 and also starred Anirban Bhattacharya, Neena Gupta and Jim Sarbh in pivotal roles.

Rani Mukerji

CINEMA IS WHERE ALL ART FORMS MEET: PRAVEEN KUMAR

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NOT all engineers stick to the script. Some, like Praveen Kumar G, choose to write a new one—one that belongs on the big screen. With a degree in engineering but a heart firmly rooted in cinema, Praveen is now ready to make his directorial debut with *Amara Premi Arun*, a romantic comedy set to release on April 25. "I always had clarity that engineering wasn't my final destination. Cinema is my real passion—my ikigai," he says. His love for performing began in college, where he was part of a Mad Ads team called Nothing But Trouble. "We did over 70 shows. I was the narrator of our team. That's where I found my voice."

The debutant director, born and raised in Ballari, has spent years behind the scenes learning the art of storytelling. "It took years of working on different aspects of filmmaking. *Amara Premi Arun* feels like a natural extension of everything I've done so far," says Praveen, who has worked as an associate and assistant director on *Koormavatara*, *Sakkare, Endendu Ninagagi, Kahi, Dana Kayonu, and Mugulu Nage* and written dialogues for A*lidu Ulidavaru and Ninna Sanihake,* among other projects.

A still from the film

Praveen Kumar

The film tells the story of Arun, a small-town medical representative who still lives in the memory of his childhood love. "I chose Ballari as the backdrop because I wanted to capture the spirit of a town I know inside out. The Ballari accent adds a flavour of authenticity, and I've kept the dialogues simple—with a blend of Kannada and English—so that audiences everywhere can relate," he says.

Starring Harisharva, Deepika Aradhya, Dharmanna Kadur, and Krithi Bhat, the film will be a clean romantic comedy filled with charm, humour, and nostalgia. With music by Kiran Ravindranath, cinematography by Praveen S, and editing by Manu Shedgar, the film may be made on a tight budget but is packed with emotional honesty," he says. The film is crowdfunded and backed by Olavu Cinema. "Cinema is where all art forms meet. You can express every shade of life through it," says Praveen, who has also published a short story collection titled Ede. "With *Amara Premi Arun*, I step into being a rooted and reflective storyteller," he concludes.